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New MH budget draft calls for 5.5% tax increase

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Minden Hills residents may see a hefty municipal tax hike this year, but staff say this year's budget process is a building block for future years.

Council discussed a fourth draft of its 2022 budget during a special meeting on Wednesday, April 20. The new draft calls for a 5.5 per cent levy increase, representing a 1.5 per cent increase over the third draft budget. The total levy to be raised through taxation and lieu payments is \$9,719,485.

The motion that passed also called for staff to hold a public meeting on April 28, so the public can comment on the operating and capital budget, ahead of the April 28 council meeting.

The proposed hike and the state of the municipality's finances meant for a somewhat tense meeting on April 20.

The vote passed with Councillors Ron Nesbitt, Lisa Schell, Pam Sayne and Jean Neville accepting. Councillor Bob Carter opposed. Councillor Jennifer Hughey was absent.

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Joy to the Earth

Joanna Marrelli laughs along with eight-and-a-half-year-old Jordan Marrelli's enthusiastic pride in the work they did during a community cleanup event in Dorset on April 23, the day after Earth Day. The Dwight duo spent the morning finding and picking up litter together - with an occasional playground break of course. See more photos on Page 2./SUE TIFFIN Staff

MOH strongly recommends indoor masks

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

The following are brief reports of a letter penned by medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking on April 20, and items discussed at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit board of health meeting held virtually on April 21.

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A letter sent to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board community on April 20 from Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge

District health unit medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking informs staff, students and parents of a surge in COVID-19 activity in the region.

"Despite the lifting of provincial restric-

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Community cleanup

Joanne Krawczyk said she was picking up litter along Highway 35, "where people chuck things - it's not as personal." Cigarette filters, beer cans and takeout coffee cups were popular finds. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Dorset and surrounding area residents – 18 volunteers, including Dorset Lions members – spent the morning picking up litter during a community clean up event held April 23. From left, John MacInnis, Dave Mullins, Jean MacInnis, Peter Dickson, Joanne Buss and Sandra Rogers, recreation co-ordinator with the township of Algonquin Highlands.



Kendra Mullins deposits a piece of litter found alongside the road in Dorset into a bag of collected garbage carried by her husband, Dave. Kendra said she couldn't believe how many cigarette butts she had found, many on dry pine needles though likely tossed when snow was still on the ground.

Public meeting planned for April 28

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Typically, municipalities have to offer small tax hikes each year to keep up with inflation; a 5.5 per cent increase is slightly above Canada's inflation rate, which hit a 30-year high of 5.1 per cent in February, according to Canada's Consumer Price Index.

Finance Director Greg Bedard said that the new increases were due to salary-related costs discovered in the human resources, information technology and public works departments, that were not accounted for in the third draft.

These new hires are projected to lead to a 1.9 per cent tax levy increase in 2023; another \$578,630 of debt on capital projects is, as of now, expected to contribute to an additional six per cent tax levy increase in 2023. This raised the ire of Carter, who questioned city staff on whether a "double-digit" increase is possible next year and if council should find a way to trim those costs now.

"Certainly our intent is not to have a double digit number each year," said chief administrative officer Trisha McKibbin. "The plan Greg and I have in place is to completely review and spend 2022 looking at how we do budgeting and what changes we need to make to be – or continue to be – fiscally responsible."

Bedard, who only began the role as finance director in March, said he hasn't had the time to do a thorough review of how the municipality finances projects, including how it uses reserves, how it manages assets or uses debenture programs.

"This budget is a building block," he said. "The goal over the summer, once this budget is passed, is to look at that wholesome picture and how we fund municipal operations moving forward."

Although Carter questioned the town's financial management through the meeting, he agreed that changes are needed.

"To say, it's less than transparent is an understatement," he said.

Other councillors say they fully trust town staff.

"I have confidence in our CAO and our director ... that this is the right plan with this budget," said Neville. "We have to get on it. They've done the numbers, we have to trust those."

The meeting led down a tense path, however, when Sayne, just before council was about to vote on the budget, said she wouldn't support the town budgeting \$300,000 run a snack bar at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, arguing there should be a fundraising drive to build and maintain it.

Councillors Neville and Schell argued against Sayne, saying that a tender to build the snack bar went out several times, but no company picked it up, yet the town sees the project as a good investment, given how well the facility is used.

After several minutes of debate, Mayor Brent Devolin urged councillors to stop bringing up issues that have already been debated and get on with the vote.

"It's time to vote on it and move forward," he said, alluding to the fact that the budget is in its fourth draft. "Not making a decision is a decision. And with most organizations, the more you delay it, it's the worst possible decision."

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Devolin not seeking third term as MH mayor

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Back in October, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin announced he wasn't planning to seek a third term.

"I've ticked all the big boxes, it's time to move on, and I've made plans for the next 10 years, probably my last 10 years of working and leaning into the community," he said. Devolin said the projects he wanted to see accomplished, including emergency planning for Minden Hills and a new fire hall, had been done. The only thing left, he said, was that he would have liked to be part of a discussion about amalgamation, which he has always publicly supported.

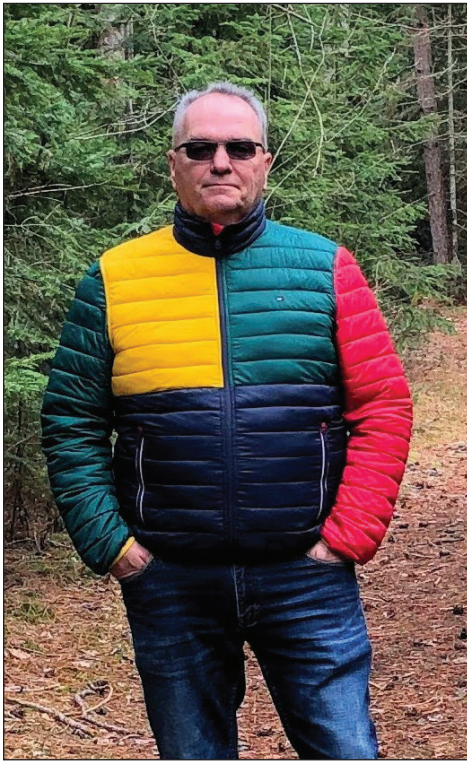
"Municipal governments and ratepayers are going to have to be prepared for what's to come, which inevitably to me will come back to consolidation of municipal governments," he said. "I think it's going to be absolutely necessary for labour, I think for efficiencies of processes and those sorts of things. And it's going to be probably in a reactionary mode, which, I've always thought it would be far better to be in a proactive mode for some of these changes."

He said the service delivery review has been a "baby step in that direction," but that he suspected the next term or two of council will need to take a "harder look at it," and make some "tough decisions."

After an "adventure bike" trip last year with his wife, Laurie, Devolin said he had three weeks to gain perspective.

"I'm a firm believer you need to make plans, be pragmatic about it in terms of the process," he said. "By the time I came home, I thought, really, the things I think need to happen in the time frame are not going to happen. I was getting tired of dealing with complicated issues all the time. I was kind of at peace."

Devolin said while there have been challenges, "If you look at the things that have transpired over the past eight years, in Minden, I say this with tongue in cheek,



Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin announced last year his intention to not run for a third term of council. /Photo submitted

there's been a lot of water under the bridge. There've been a lot of things that have happened, and mostly for the good."

He said highlights for him include being a part of the Pan-Am Games in 2015, seeing projects built across the county and beyond including 14 housing facilities throughout the Haliburton County-City of Kawartha Lakes region and progress on the EORN project.

"Certainly after a tough few years, getting the arena built, I never dreamed that in the first year of being open we'd have a junior hockey team, and they'd make it to the second round of the playoffs and within an overtime goal of going to the third round," he said. "Those are the wonderful things. It's the

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Mayor Carol Moffatt has announced she will not seek re-election in the coming term, after 16 years of public service. /Photo submitted

Moffatt announces she won't seek re-election

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

It's an end of an era in Algonquin Highlands, with Mayor Carol Moffatt announcing she doesn't intend to seek re-election this year after 16 years of public service.

"While I'm passionately drawn to participating in what's ahead for the Haliburton Highlands, it's no secret to many that I've been at a personal crossroads for some time now," said Moffatt in an announcement made April 23. "As the days have ticked along, it's become very clear that 'some day' is now, so I'm choosing to shift my focus to the many personal pursuits I've set aside throughout 16 years of public service. It's been a tremendously difficult decision."

Moffatt told the *Times* after the announcement that she felt "a bit numb," after having "wrestled with this decision a long time."

"I've taken this commitment extremely seriously and I've worked really hard, and it feels like a breakup for me," she said. "It's a job that requires a huge commitment and I've done that but I just don't feel I can give it that amount anymore, and I think for me, it would

be unfair to keep going when I know I'm not going to be able - for a variety of reasons - to put in the effort that I have for the past 16 years."

Moffatt first ran for council in 1994, losing by 21 votes. When she ran again in 2006, she had a landslide win, then in 2010 was acclaimed as reeve, with her three terms as head of council being acclaimed.

Becoming part of the decision-making was of interest to Moffatt after she had become immersed in the community through volunteer work involving economic development, trails, literacy, the creation of the Stanhope museum, and the restoration of a provincially significant heritage site, the Hawk Lake log restoration.

"It just seemed like the next step," she said.

As a first-time reeve in 2010, Moffatt's council was made up of four brand new councillors. She said Angie Bird, CAO, still has a list Moffatt created of 84 things she wanted to see changed or reviewed or updated in regards to policies. There wasn't a guide for new councillors, so Moffatt wrote one, a plain-spoken comprehensive document to help guide newcomers. While it's been updated by clerks since, it's still in use.

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April 28 – Regular Council Meeting
April 28 – Public Meeting Draft 2022 Budget
May 12 – Regular Council Meeting

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., during its Regular Council Meeting via web conference regarding the Draft 2022 Budget. If you wish to speak at the Public Meeting regarding the Draft 2022 Budget please register on or before April 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. by telephone at 705-286-1260 ext. 512 or email admin@mindenhills.ca. Final Passing of the 2022 Budget will include the following By-laws:

- 2022 Budget for the Minden Cemetery Board; and
- 2022 Estimates By-law

For Budget related inquiries please contact Greg Bedard, Director of Finance, at 705-286-1260 ext. 504 or email gbedard@mindenhills.ca.
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'Strong evidence' that masking protects against COVID-19 spread

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tions, the pandemic is not over,” reads the letter. “As a member of a school community, you have an important role to play in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and helping keep our school communities healthy and safe.”

The provincial mask mandate had been lifted a month ago, and while masks are still required in high-risk settings including health-care settings, long-term care homes, shelters and public transit, they are not mandatory in schools, retail settings or restaurants. On April 12, Ottawa’s public school board made masks mandatory in schools again. Bocking recommended in her letter that masks be used.

“I strongly recommend that you wear a mask in indoor public spaces, including schools,” said Bocking’s letter. “There is strong evidence that masking is an important layer of protection against COVID-19, especially for those who are not vaccinated (e.g., children under five years), or are at risk of severe COVID-19 illness (e.g., immunocompromised and the elderly). Masks should be three-layered, well-fitted, cover the nose and mouth, and should be replaced if damp or visibly soiled.”

A similar letter from Dr. Charles Gardner, medical officer of health for the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit, was sent to TLDSB students in the Muskoka area on April 13.

Sixth wave update

Bocking addressed the board with a COVID-19 update the day after strongly rec-

ommending masks be used in indoor settings as a result of a surge of infection, part of the sixth wave.

“I don’t think any of us imagined we would reach this number of waves, and hard to know how many waves we will see in the future,” said Bocking.

Bocking said there had been a significant increase in COVID-19 activity across the three regions of the health unit, with approximately 46 new lab-confirmed cases reported each day and noted “this is just the tip of the iceberg,” as only those living or working in high-risk facilities have access to PCR testing.

The number of outbreaks has increased dramatically, she said, with 17 at that time, nine hospitalizations had occurred in the past two weeks, and test positivity at 21 per cent was approaching the highest it has been, which was 23.5 per cent in January. Wastewater is showing high signals of viral activity in Lindsay and Cobourg.

Since Jan. 1 there have been 31 deaths in the region associated with COVID-19 and 58 outbreaks.

Risk of re-infection is high

The BA.2 Omicron sub-variant is the most infectious variant the health unit has seen yet, said Bocking, with a similar severity to the original Omicron variant, with a risk of re-infection, even with individuals that might have been infected with the Omicron variant in January.

“Other things that are different this time around, and this wave, is that we don’t have broader public health restrictions or regulations in place, so there are no broad mask

mandates in place, capacity restrictions in venues, and the Reopening Ontario Act did expire at the end of March ... And in this wave it’s unclear what the overall impact will be on hospital and ICU admissions with severe illness.”

Bocking said while there were high admissions during the Omicron wave, or fifth wave, that the population is highly immunized with booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and many people did have infection in January and February.

“Certainly the message we’re receiving from the province is that they’re not expecting the same burden on the acute care system with regards to hospitalizations for severe illness,” said Bocking. “I’m quite hopeful that this will be the case but there is some uncertainty on what the impact will be.”

‘When is this going to end?’

Pandemic fatigue “is a real thing,” said Bocking, and is being seen in the community in general, community partners, health sector colleagues and among health unit staff.

“Everyone is asking, ‘when is this going to end?’ and I think the reality at this point in time is that this is not something that’s going to end, per se, that this is something we now need to ensure we’re planning to enable ongoing responses in a way that doesn’t create the anxiety and stress associated with surges of activity that we have for each of the previous waves.”

Bocking said one challenge that remains is that the health unit has had promises from the province for one-time COVID-19 funding, and funding for 2022 related to school-

focused nurses, but not long-term commitments that have enabled the health unit to make permanent hires to support a sustainable approach rather than use contract staff for surges.

Rollout of Paxlovid

Bill Cane, a councillor from Northumberland County who sits on the board of health, asked about access to Paxlovid, an antiviral treatment, noting he’d heard the region had only a small amount of the medication, which is used for people at higher risk of severe outcomes due to COVID-19. He said one constituent had expressed a complaint that they had attempted to access the treatment, “but by the time they jumped through all the red tape and hurdles, they were told it’s too late to bother. That’s frustrating.”

He asked if anything was being done to reduce the red tape in accessing the medication.

“Having tools in the toolbox, it’s not going to do much good if you don’t take it out,” he said.

Bocking said the health unit wasn’t involved in the rollout of Paxlovid at all, with Cane noting, “maybe we should be.”

Prior to this wave, Bocking said eligibility was more restricted, there were fewer doses, and a slower rollout. When this wave started, she said, the province highlighted Paxlovid as being a tool to use, but didn’t have all the puzzle pieces in place. She said access was improving, but said “as is often the case,” policies were being announced prior to rollout being completed.

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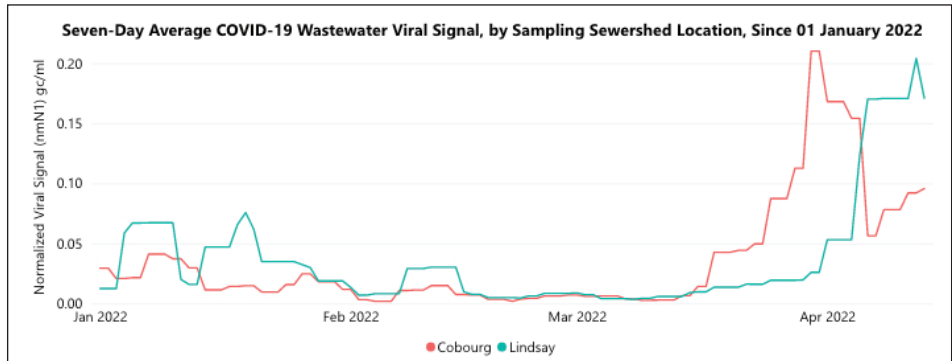
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COVID-19 by the numbers

COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022								
County	Municipality	Active cases (current)	2022 Total cases	2022 Case rate per 100,000 population	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	1	23	908.7	23	0	1	0
	Haliburton Dysart et al	2	122	1,788.9	106	16	4	1
	Haliburton Highlands East	2	35	995.2	32	3	0	0
	Haliburton Minden Hills	6	90	1,360.1	76	14	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	154	2,475	3,041.7	1,615	860	57	21
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	5	197	2,504.4	177	20	5	2
Northumberland	Brighton	15	279	2,204.7	242	37	12	3
Northumberland	Cobourg	37	534	2,619.4	363	171	10	2
Northumberland	Cramahe	4	155	2,400.5	139	16	8	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	14	214	1,747.1	194	20	4	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	8	321	1,844.3	236	85	6	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	18	474	3,548.7	256	218	12	4
Total HKPRDHU All Municipalities		266	4,919	2,572.3	3,459	1,460	120	37

The health unit’s April 25 update reported nine new cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, while 85 new cases were reported in City of Kawartha Lakes, and 60 in Northumberland County. The health unit notes these numbers do not accurately capture the spread of COVID-19 in the community as PCR testing is limited to those who live or work in high-risk settings./Screenshot from hkpr.on.ca.



Info from the Ontario Wastewater Surveillance Initiative Data and Visualization Hub shows the seven-day average COVID-19 wastewater viral signal, by sampling sewershed locations in Cobourg and Lindsay, since Jan. 1 of this year. The wastewater program analyses virus shedding among residents to estimate the burden of COVID-19 in the community, and serves as a secondary indicator for retrospective and current COVID-19 prevalence in the community. /April 25 screenshot from www.hkpr.on.ca

Hike Haliburton rescheduled for Sept. 21 to 25

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Hike Haliburton – hopefully really this time – is coming back.

The county-led tourism initiative which intends to get people out and about enjoying the region's trails, and then supporting local businesses, is now scheduled for Sept. 21 to 25.

The event was last scheduled to run in February, but plans were scrapped as the Omicron variant led to rising COVID-19 infections in the province and new mass gath-

ering restrictions were put in place.

The event was also once planned for the winter of 2021, but was scrapped because of COVID-19.

However, in 2021, there was a successful fall Hike Haliburton program, which had a smaller number of hikes and fewer people, compared to usual.

The county is hoping that COVID-19 will remain under control through the fall, so a somewhat larger event can take place this year.

At their April 13 virtual meeting, Haliburton County councillors supported

staff's recommendation to hold a "smaller number of hikes" and increase the number of people who can participate in each hike from 12 to 15 (up from 8 to 10) and "consider a value-added culinary component, which can be added to registration for those interested."

That means a registration program will be set up that allows participants to participate in another fall county event, such as a county art tour or Bookapalooza.

The county has already set aside \$3,000 to stage the event. The last time a full-scale Hike Haliburton event was held was in early 2020 – slightly before COVID-19 restric-

tions came into effect – when 22 hike leaders took about 300 participants on hikes, which ranged from 1.5 to 10 kilometres.

County staff feel the event is a good one to promote economic development and tourism, as a survey that year showed that 58 per cent of participants spent money at local restaurants on the weekend.

More details on the program will be announced at hikehaliburton.com as they come about.

Trout find a new home in Maple Lake

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association kicked off its 2022 spring stocking of lake and rainbow trout in area lakes on April 22.

Volunteers transported 2,500 lake trout by truck from the HHOA hatchery on Gelert Road in Haliburton to their new home in Maple Lake, north of Carnarvon. Volunteers released the lake trout into the lake where they will join thousands of others the HHOA has stocked over the years.

"The stocking season is always an exciting time," said Dan Smith, HHOA president. "This year the HHOA will stock approximately 15,000 lake trout and 20,000 rainbow trout in 20 area lakes. Our volunteers work very hard to make this happen and to help maintain good fishing in our lakes."

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- Submitted by Tim Bahr, HHOA

Elian Grigore, Steve Belanger and Dan Smith, help the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association kick off its 2022 spring stocking of lake and rainbow trout in area lakes on Friday, April 22.
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Saying yes

AFTER MY brother-in-law's passing a few years ago, my response to the overwhelming grief and loss I felt was that I decided I was going to say yes to everything, because I could. I joined the Minden Hills events committee, Minden Pride, organized the native plant sale, offered to take on the downtown banner program when it was at risk of folding, joined the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, ran some trivia nights for groups around the county, and became a director on a national research non-profit. In doing so, I experienced an abundance of joy making valuable friendships, learning so much about the county and the people who live here, improving my own skill set, working with others who I might not have had the chance to cross paths with in the same way and of course, contributing in whatever way I could to the community.

But inevitably, I had to say no to a few things after that, in order to balance volunteering alongside the other important roles and passions in my life, which include work and family and trying not to return library books too late.

I had quickly learned a rather endearing rule of volunteerism – once you've said yes to one group, you're inevitably asked to join other amazing causes, and those volunteer recruiters are enthusiastically relentless for a good reason: there is always an opportunity to help.

While we know that volunteers make a small town great, and that our community would not be as enriched as it is without these integral members of our community, we also know that finding people to help is becoming increasingly difficult. Our county is well-known for our seemingly tireless volunteer force, but over time, people do become tired. The pandemic has made it more challenging for some of our volunteers to step up when they're trying to stay home, but has also created an even greater need for helping hands to support our vulnerable friends and

neighbours. Meanwhile, society has changed over the years so that even if a household has two adults in it, both are likely working – sometimes more than one job – while also tending to the other stresses of adult life. But, we also know our community has grown, and there might be people new to the area who want to immerse themselves in a fun role that will offer them a social connection while also giving back to their neighbourhood.

This year, we've done something a little different with our annual National Volunteer Week section. Instead of focusing on a few groups and highlighting the many ways in which they contribute, which we try to do year-round, we've put together a directory of quite a few of the local groups looking for help in some way.

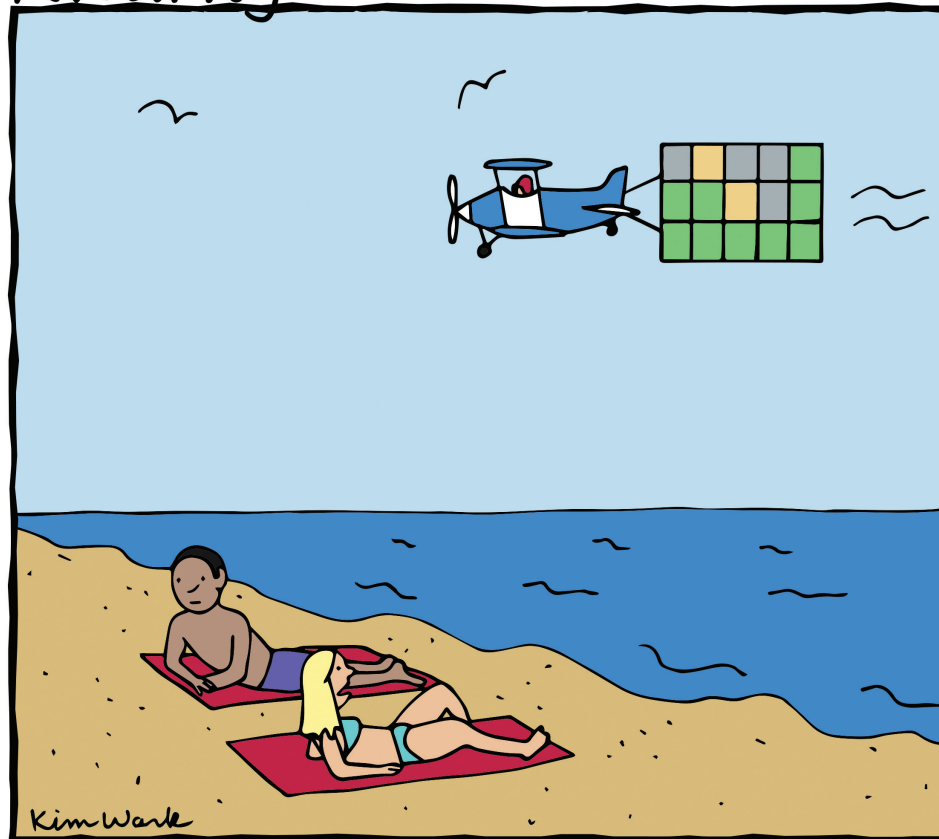
**SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

While it doesn't name every group in the county, the listing includes a wide variety of organizations making a huge impact on this community in different ways – truly, something for everyone, whether your interest is in helping kids, adults, animals, the environment, leading organizing efforts, or working behind-the-scenes.

Some groups need someone who can offer an hour, or participate on a casual basis, perhaps with one event a year, some are looking for someone looking to make more of a commitment who want to keep life post-retirement filled with valuable work. Maybe you'll find something for yourself, or someone you know, or a neighbour you can rideshare with, on that list. (The directory starts on Page 10.)

What is true regardless which of the fabulous groups and organizations you choose to call, is that no matter who you are helping, or in whatever small way you can offer assistance, you will feel better for having done it, and the community will only thrive because of your effort. If you find yourself with a few minutes to give, say yes to something. To those who already have, we thank you and appreciate you this week and every week.

Kwarky



Kim Wark

"It's another Wordle show-off."

Bad call

I'M STILL not sure who to sue. I haven't decided if it should be Bell Canada for providing the phone service or Apple for providing the phones. Or my friend Ron for malicious phone use. All I know is that the lawsuit will be primarily for emotional distress and phone-inflicted trauma.

What happened?

Well, I was turkey hunting on opening morning and was calling two stubborn gobblers for quite a while, when they suddenly decided to come in hot and heavy, basically competing with each other to get to my hen decoys.

I had eased into position and had my gun up when I caught a glimpse of the first one's head as he cleared the rise. In four or five more steps he would have been in a clear shooting lane and my day would have been finished by 6:59 a.m.

How do I know it was 6:59 a.m.?

Easy. Before those steps were taken, my phone rang – and it said 6:59 a.m. And, if you think a phone is loud in the house, wait until you hear it in the woods when there is no other sound but the footfalls of rapidly retreating wild turkeys and the quiet weeping of a grown man.

I have never hated a phone ringtone so much as "Dada dahhhh, dada dada dahhhh da da..."

After shaking my fist to the heavens and yelling "Why?!" I hung up without answering.

But not before noting that my friend Ron was the culprit. At 6:59 a.m. On a Monday morning. On the opening day of turkey season.

To be clear, Ron has never called me this early before, unless we were coordinating where to meet for a fishing trip.

But we were not doing that.

Instead, Ron was calling to return my call from two days ago. So – and I can only assume it is because he is a turkey sympathizer – he decided to call at 6:59 a.m. Did I mention that already?

His timing could not have been more damaging. Had he called a mere three seconds later, he would have been the first one to hear about the gobbler I just shot. Instead, he heard a lot of other things when I returned his call later that day.

Among them: "Who calls at 6:59 a.m.?" and "#@\$!!!! ...and another thing! \$%#@ @#!"

I know what you are thinking. I should sue Ron.

Really, I feel like Apple should be sued first. There is not a single warning label on their phones that says, "Caution: calling your friend at 6:59 a.m. on opening day of turkey season could be hazardous to your health."

And secondly, there are no "Turkey season ringer shut off" buttons on any of their phones,

which is clearly negligent.

I also believe that Bell is to blame in many ways too. They have the technology to ensure that incoming calls to turkey hunters on opening day can be blocked. They just choose not to use it.

I know. I should have turned off my phone. But, honestly, in the excitement of opening day, I forgot. And, since I am 60, that is a legitimate excuse. So too is the belief that, "No one is going to call me at 6:59 a.m."

I know, I know. I should sue Ron too. But he is my friend. Plus, I was a little harsh with him too. And I feel bad about that. I'll probably call him to apologize on Sunday morning.

At 6:59 a.m.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

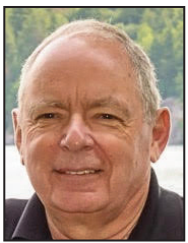
Columns and Letters to the Editor

Welcome to the bug world

AS WE BRACE for a new bug season, I find myself hoping for a banner bug year. Not for blackflies, mosquitoes, midges or wasps, but for dragonflies and their cousins, the damselflies.

A single dragonfly can eat anywhere from a couple of dozen to hundreds of mosquitoes.

Every day, depending on what other insects are available. Unfortunately, they'll also eat butterflies, which might leave them too stuffed to go after many mosquitoes.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Dragonflies not only help us by eating biting bugs, they are entertaining. They are fascinating to watch as their two sets of translucent wings allow them to fly straight up and down, upside down or backwards.

They are among the earth's oldest critters, believed to have evolved roughly 300 million years ago. They were much different back then, much larger and probably more ferocious. Some dragonfly fossils have been found with wingspans of up to two feet.

There is some disturbing news about their future. A recent assessment from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) says that about 1,000

of the roughly 6,000 known species of dragonflies and damselflies are at risk of extinction.

Of those, 95 are considered critically endangered.

These insects rely on wetlands, ponds and lakes for life, and pollution and climate change are making life difficult for them. So is destruction of wetlands, which humans tend to see as messy things that should be filled in to allow more development.

Now there is research indicating that winter road salt leaching into roadside storm ponds is harming dragonfly populations. Both dragonfly and mosquito larvae develop in these ponds.

Dragonfly larvae have huge appetites and one healthy dragonfly larvae can consume 11 mosquito larvae in just two hours. That's a lot of mosquitoes that will not become biting adults that drive us crazy.

The research indicates that dragonfly larvae exposed to large amounts of road salt have smaller appetites, and develop into weaker, less healthy flying adults more susceptible to infections. As luck would have it, mosquito larvae do not suffer the same unhealthy results from road salt exposure.

That is interesting, helpful information and we are lucky to have it. Research on dragonflies is hard to come by because they have short lifespans, emerge as flying insects at different times in different places and are not easy to catch because of their nimble flight movements.

The ICUN said that there is not enough research data to determine the conservation status of more than 500 dragonfly species. Conservation status indicates whether a species still exists, or if it does, how likely it is that it will become extinct in the near future.

Dragonflies are not the only insects affected by changing weather patterns and human development. Research indicates that 40 per cent of insect species are declining and one-third are in danger of extinction.

Scientists who analysed 73 insect studies estimate that the world's insect population is declining by 2.5 per cent a year and that in another 100 years insects could disappear completely.

Others say that is alarmist thinking and a world without insects is very unlikely. They say that reported declines are worrying but too little is known about insects to say anything definitive about their future.

In other words, we need to learn more about insects by devoting more effort and time to studying them.

Meanwhile, the bug season begins. While the scientists debate the future of bugs, the rest of us will continue to put up with them. Bring out the head nets and lotions, sprays and creams that are touted as the best stuff to keep them away.

As much as they irritate us, insects are critically important to the environment and all life on earth. No one should wish for their extinction.

It would be nice, however, to see fewer of the pesky types around and more of the good guys like dragonflies and damselflies.

Despite all the gloomy talk about the future of the good guys, there is hope. We are starting to appreciate the environmental value of wetlands and are doing more to protect them. And, there are enough smart folks around to figure out ways of preventing road salt from getting into their living rooms.



Dinner for two

A committee of turkey vultures hanging around Gelert Road waiting for their chance at some raccoon roadkill. "A bit morbid but part of nature." (A group of perched vultures is called a wake, and a group of vultures spiralling upward to gain altitude is called a kettle.) /Photo by June Krisko

letters to the editor

A vision for the cultural centre comes to council

To the Editor,

In the last few weeks over 30 friends of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC) concerned with recent events at the MHCC came together to collaborate on a vision for its future. Out of this collaboration, a clear vision and a plan for its achievement were developed along with a presentation to Minden Hills council. This presentation is now on the agenda of the council's April 28th meeting.

The friends of MHCC is a diverse group representing local interested citizens and organizations supporting the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, Nature's Place as well as artists and members of the education and environmental communities. This partnership has resulted in a shared plan for the growth and development of MHCC which

collectively we believe will provide a valuable contribution to Minden Hills and the extended community going forward.

We encourage all interested parties to attend the council meeting (please check the Minden Hills web site <https://mindenhills.ca/> for meeting details) and we look forward to further dialog with the council, Minden Hills township staff and the community at large on our recommendations.

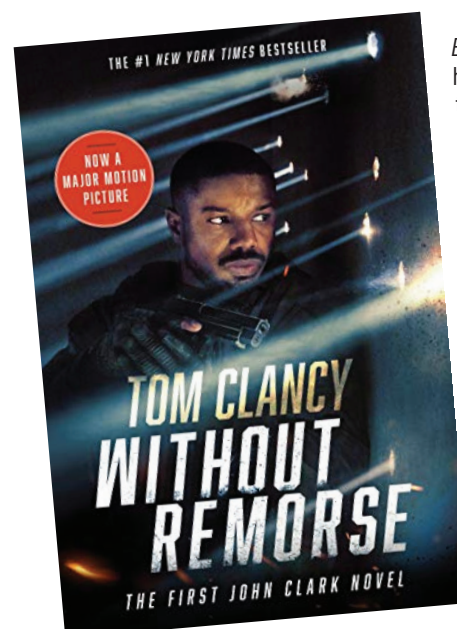
We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the presentation. We will publish the presentation when released by the council and provide updates going forward on our web site MHCCF.ca.

**Neil Briggs
President**

on behalf of the directors of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation

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Authors to Actors - April



Perfect for fans of *John Wick*, or *The Equalizer*, Tom Clancy's *Without Remorse* is a hard-hitting, heart-wrenching action packed tale of justice and revenge.

Without Remorse is the story of an ordinary man, John Kelly, crossing the lines of justice and morality to become the dangerous CIA legend code-named Mr. Clark. When an innocent life close to him is taken, Kelly will stop at nothing to avenge it, and along the way, he finds himself part of a much larger, much more dangerous mission.

Navy Seal turned CIA agent John Kelly is brought brilliantly to life on screen by actor Michael B. Jordan in the pulse-pounding military film version of Clancy's novel, directed by Stefano Sollima.

Both book and movie, though differing in several important ways, are well worth a look, and are the perfect rainy day entertainment for action lovers. Why not check out both from Haliburton County Public

Library, and discover which version you enjoy more?.

Moffatt grateful for experience after three terms as mayor

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Moffatt has a strong background and interest in communication, and became the first publicly elected official in Haliburton County to join social media, always wanting to help the public understand what she refers to as “a thick soup of process.”

“One of my strengths is the communication part,” she said. “As ideas were being developed, I was always one to put up my hand and say, how are we going to tell the public about that? Even with the shoreline bylaw, where’s the Coles notes version, where’s the FAQ, where are the pieces that inform the public so they better understand what we’re talking about, because our work can be so entrenched in legislation and legalese that it’s confusing.”

Thinking through her terms in office, Moffatt highlights the work done to bring the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry fire response base to the Stanhope airport; her work as warden in 2013 in improving what were then communication silos between the Trent-Severn Waterway and MNR during flooding – Moffatt had a map of the area pinned in her kitchen that she tracked water levels on each morning, and took a flight over the flooded area, later sharing photos with the public through her social media page – and said it was notable that it was the first time the prime minister had phoned Haliburton

County when he did so after Algonquin Highlands council began this term as an all-woman council.

“The things I’ve enjoyed the most have been the projects,” said Moffatt. “At the county, I was the lead on the OPP billing reform protest, I was the lead on the rail trail working group, very involved in the development of the tourism director job, I’ve written and presented delegations at conferences, and most recently I guess things like the safety and wellbeing plan detachment board for OPP, I love those projects. Give me a project, anytime.”

Moffatt said she has always enjoyed collaborative development.

“I love working with a small group that sees an opportunity for an outcome and then finds the way to achieve that outcome that is in the community’s best interest,” she said. “That’s what I like.”

Moffatt hopes to engage in more of that collaborative development and also working on her own personal “big, long list” of things she wants to do, noting, “they’re not small projects.”

“Politics is an oddly captivating challenge that I’ll certainly miss being involved in – and there will undoubtedly be days when I’ll question this choice but for right now, it’s the right one for me,” said Moffatt. “I’m excited for the revival of unfinished projects and the start of new ones. There are histories to pre-

serve, photographs to make, stories to write and many roads to travel.”

She said while she has enjoyed her political life, it’s important for her to make time to do the other things she wants to do in life, too, alongside her supportive husband Tony, noting it’s been hard for her to do that given that she’s not always able to manage a healthy life-work balance.

“There’s a lot of very personally compelling reasons to step aside and focus on self and family and I think most people would understand that,” she said. “The challenge is, I’m still so excited about all of the things that are happening, and there are projects that I won’t see the end of and I’m sorry for that but there will always be projects you won’t see the end of.”

She also said she believes in term limits, and said “there are others who are showing

promise and they need their chance to shine.”

“Being on council isn’t for the faint of heart, and yet we need people full of heart to do it,” she said. “To those seeking office this fall: be strong, fair, responsive and open-minded. Work to build better forward, and remember that the correct decisions are rarely the popular ones. To those voting this fall: choose flexible, forward thinkers with broad knowledge who can listen and work as a team toward progress.”

Moffatt said that until the new council is sworn in on Nov. 15, “my commitment to governance is steadfast; and I’ll work toward a collaborative leadership transition.”

“I’m grateful for this amazing experience and extend my heartfelt thanks to members of council, to staff, and especially to the public for putting their faith in me over these many years,” she said.

'There's a lot of good days': Devolin

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little things too, somebody has a project or an idea that there’s an obstacle you help them remove, there’s a lot of good days. There’s a lot of good days.”

Devolin noted getting into municipal politics is not “a casual endeavour, by any means,” acknowledging his phone number is published publicly and his phone is with him 24/7.

“The complexities of municipal politics are no less than the complexities of provincial or federal politics,” he said. “There’s lots of times more zeroes added on the end, and I would argue the fact we’re closer and more within reach for the people on the street which increases some of those complexities. I think that we’re evolving to the state that – and it has happened in larger jurisdictions – municipal politics is a vocation. It’s not a part-time, evening gig on the side.”

Three of the four mayors in the county have announced they will not be seeking re-election.

“This is a transitional time, not only for those of us that have been there that are collectively leaving with the same departure, but the other part of it is, COVID and social media, there’s incremental change over time and then there’s paradigm shifts and this is

a paradigm shift,” said Devolin. “We need younger politicians that are going to be in it for the long haul that will take up those challenges.”

Devolin said he is at peace and content with his decision and looks forward to watching the election unfold.

“I believe that there will be people that come forth that will bring new visions, and kind of, you know, everybody that tries to lead government has strengths and weaknesses,” he said. “I think I know some of the ones I’ve done well and I’m hoping there are some others that will step into the breach and where I’ve maybe had some weaknesses or voids in the agenda I brought forward, I hope they can build on some of those so that over the longer haul it’s the best thing for my community.”

Devolin said he looks forward to helping with a smooth transition for whoever replaces him.

“My intention until election day is to continue what I can do within the county and Minden Hills, and look forward to whoever replaces me ... my interest is to have a smooth transition, as much information that I can convey that I thought I did rightly or wrongly, and that I will continue to be a resource for them for as long as they wish.”

letters to the editor

Music no longer by the Gull?

To the Editor:

For weeks, months, even years now, I’ve waited patiently for a musical revival down by the riverside and now I hear that there may be no more Music By The Gull.

What seemed to be a temporary loss to the pandemic now may be gone forever. Oh, Minden still may have music on summer Friday nights, but I will have to leave the old village for the fairgrounds to hear it if only all the details can be worked out. Those details will make life more efficient and put cars back on Water Street on summer Friday evenings. Or so I’m told.

All that will be lost is what made those evenings special, almost Leacockian, immersed in the life of a village, the life of my village. Evenings that would fit into Stephen Leacock’s Sunshine Sketches.

I unfold my chair and set it in the space Jim and Ghalina saved for me and listen to the music as I watch the cars drift by on Main Street. More traffic behind me, geese and humans paddling down

the river.

I listen to Gord or to Trina, remember Zoe or George. Watch a young woman pull an old man out of his chair to join the dancers prancing on the pavement.

Watch a merchant pause for a few licks on the ice cream cone he just bought across the bridge, watch him listen to a few guitar licks by Jeff, then head back to his store.

A night out within walking distance if you live in town. Two visitors push a stroller through this unexpected dance party and stop to listen, perhaps to wonder what’s going on. A pre-schooler is up, trying the Texas two-step on his own.

A breeze cools the evening and sunlight turns to twilight, but I don’t want to refold my chair and go home. I don’t want Music By The Gull to ever end, but evidently it has.

That makes me sad.

Neil Campbell
Minden

An invitation to a Rotary information session

To the Editor,

The Minden Rotary is so fortunate to have had such a committed group of mass vaccination clinic volunteers. They dedicated hours and hours of their time to be sure our community was vaccinated. We continue to celebrate their contributions.

During the clinic, volunteers and clients alike both expressed an interest in learning more about Rotary, its activities around the world and here at home in our own community. We are planning an

information Zoom meeting and Minden Rotary members would like to invite anyone who would enjoy learning more about Rotary to this information meeting on Monday, June 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. To participate in the Zoom please call Sally 705-286-4922 or send an email to info@sunny-rockbb.ca with the subject: “Rotary Around the World.”

Sally Moore
Minden Rotary

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Easter treats in Gelert
Diane Dawson offers treats in exchange for eggs found along the trail at Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn in Gelert on April 16. The egg hunt was available free throughout last weekend, the Easter holiday. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

Editor's note: Due to a printing error, readers of the print version of the Times missed these photos last week.



An egg along the trail at Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn. Eggs were exchanged for treats all weekend by guests to the Gelert hot spot.

Eggs were found along the trail, under trees, even on the buildings next to Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn.



Vote with your teeth - advocating for better dental care access

The next Ontario general election is coming up and the time to advocate for better access to dental care is now. Oral health is an important part of one's overall health and wellness, yet every year an estimated three million people in Ontario do not visit a dental office because they simply cannot afford it.

We have a public dental program for eligible children aged 17 and under and a program for eligible low-income seniors aged 65 and over. There is a patchwork of inadequate programs for adults on social assistance, but no public oral health program for adults who cannot afford to pay out of pocket for dental care.

As a result of the lack of public dental programs for adults and those ineligible for the sparse dental care programs currently offered:

- Every nine minutes someone in Ontario goes to an emergency room (ER) because of dental pain. Hospitals are not equipped to deal with dental problems or provide proper treatment and can only give individual painkillers or a prescription for antibiotics. In 2017, the estimated cost for dental related visits to an emergency room in Ontario was a mini-

mum of 31 million dollars.

- Every three minutes someone goes to a doctor's office in Ontario because of dental issues. Yet, like hospitals, physicians are not equipped or trained to deal with diseases impacting teeth and gums. These trips, resulting in no effective treatment provided, cost OHIP approximately 7.5 million dollars in 2014.
- Every year, lack of access to proper dental care costs Ontarian taxpayers an estimated 38 million dollars.

This data was collected and published by the Ontario Oral Health Alliance.

The need to expand public dental programs is without question. Offering affordable dental care will prevent avoidable trips to the ER and the doctor's office. Instead, the Ontario Oral Health Alliance recommends redirecting these tax-dollars towards investing in Community Health Centres, Indigenous Health Centres and public health units – all of which serve vulnerable populations.

Lack of access to dental care seriously impacts vulnerable Ontarians, including low-income children, adults, and

seniors. According to Statistica, as of March 2021, more than 1.2 million Ontarians were considered persons in low-income families.

If Canada is to live up to its 'claim to fame' in offering "Universal Health Care," low income individuals and vulnerable groups in our community must be able to access the oral health services they need, where and when they need it, without financial hardship.

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that investing in a more resilient, truly universal healthcare system is essential. An election is the perfect time to make our values as a community clear.

As we approach the 2022 provincial election, ask candidates – what steps will their party take to fill the gap in access to dental care?

*Submitted by Anna Rusak, Health Promoter
HKPR District Health Unit*



Volunteer Week



Volunteers Needed

The following is a directory of some of the local groups and organizations looking for volunteers to contribute in a variety of ways. If you can share some time, contact one of the organizers below to find out what you can do to help.

100.9 Canoe FM

Contact: Station manager Roxanne Casey at 705-457-1009 or manager@canoefm.com

As a volunteer-based, not for profit, community radio station, Canoe FM offers Haliburton County residents unique volunteer opportunities in the broadcasting field.

Currently we have openings for on air hosts during daytime hours - all training will be provided. We are also looking for individuals to join our Radio Bingo Team as callers or verifiers.

We are also open to suggestions -- if you have a skill that you feel we could use, please get in touch and we can discuss all the possibilities.

Abbey Retreat Centre

Contact: Barb Smith-Morrison at barb@abbeyretreatcentre.ca

We are looking for people to volunteer a few hours per month to help us carry out our vision to create a safe, loving, and healing community for people affected by cancer. We are especially looking for bed-makers, kitchen volunteers, people to tend the grounds, and we have some indoor small maintenance tasks. Please visit our website for more information at abbeyretreatcentre.ca/volunteering/.

Community Living Trent Highlands

Contact: Lisa Corp, 705-743-2411 ext. 527 or lc corp@clth.ca

Our mission is to inspire respect and equality for people living with a developmental disability by promoting community knowledge, organizational excellence, and individual quality of life. Volunteers are a vital part of our organization and help bring the people we serve and their communities together. We have a volunteer opportunity to meet just about any interest or talent including:

- Board or committee members – Consider sitting on our Board of Directors or on one of our many Board Committees.
- Friendly visitor/leisure pal – Spend time with someone just being a friend. Share activities that you both enjoy – take a walk, go out for coffee, or just visit.
- Share a skill – Share a special talent or skill with a person or people we support, their families or our staff and other volunteers. The sky is the limit!
- Office support – help out at one of the Community Living Trent Highlands offices.



Warm-hearted Wildcats: A group of Archie Stouffer Elementary School students that deliver the school's snack program, lunches, read and work with younger students on the school yard gathered on April 22 for a group photo to commemorate their volunteer efforts. From left, Jacklyn Sholea (Gr. 7), Jennifer Hicks (SERT), Emily Miller (Gr.7), Mason Ernewein (Gr.4), Christine Barber (EA), Piper Porter (Gr. 8), Myla Ecclestone (Gr.6), Lou Hawkins (Gr.3), Valerie Griffin (EA), Lliam Noom (Gr. 4), Dayton Mascia (Gr.2), Heather Norris (EA), and Hunter Neville (Gr.4). Wildcats not in the photo who also help daily include: Austin Mackay (Gr.8), Hunter McConnell (Gr.5), Cole, Jenna Pletch (Gr.8), Lundyn Hutchinson (Gr.8), Trish Gautreau (EA), Jennifer Whiteway (EA), Elizabeth Adams (EA). /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Fuel for Warmth

Contact: Joanne at 705-854-9208, or info@fuelforwarmth.ca

Fuel for Warmth is volunteer -operated. Ninety+ percent of donations received are spent on fuel for families when help is needed during the cold winters in Haliburton County. Wood is delivered by volunteers and other fuels by fuel companies.

The Christmas Shindig is the major fundraiser, again operated by more volunteers who are keen on helping keep families warm. The Treasurer and Executive Director positions are filled by volunteers. Thanks everyone for your volunteering with Fuel for Warmth again in 2021-2022, keeping families warm in their homes.

Haliburton County Master Gardeners (HCMG)

Contact: Carolyn Langdon, carolynlangdon3@gmail.com, 705-935-0380

The HCMG provides horticultural advice to new and seasoned gardeners in our northern community. We develop resources and programmes specific to the challenging growing conditions in our region.

We're looking for Members as well as Friends of Master Gardeners to join us in our shared passion:

- to include more native pollinator plants in gardens
- to naturalize shorelines
- to provide consultation services to property owners
- to assist with an annual fundraising plant sale
- to answer specific questions gardeners may have
- to take photos for the website and Facebook page

For more information go to www.haliburtonmastergardeners.ca/ and to join this northern community of gardeners join the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/haliburtonmastergardener.ca.

Thank you to all Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society volunteers!

Your ongoing dedication to the children and families we serve is truly appreciated!

For more information about volunteer opportunities, call 1 800 661 2843, ext. 1221.



Haliburton County Red Wolves athlete Brodie Mason and volunteer golf coach Rick West out on the golf course. / Photo submitted

Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics

Contact: Tracey Pratt at 705-286-1842, Yvette Brauer at 705-488-2282 or haliburton@specialolympicsontario.ca

Help our amazing athletes, coaches and volunteers to the finish line. Join Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics volunteers. Make a difference in athletes' lives today! The missing piece in our community could be U! Want to help? You could also join a committee (fundraising, planning events) or just come out and be in the cheering section. This summer we are offering a unified softball program. A unified sport is composed of athletes and volunteers playing alongside each other. Together the athletes learn how to play the game and have fun! Special skills are not necessary. Making new friends and being supportive is the most important thing! Why not come out and see what we are all about?

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

Contact: email info@hcsa.ca

Our year-round efforts provide central Ontario's premier outdoor winter experience and help small business. Everyone has a skill the HCSA needs: finance, engineer, equipment operator, carpentry, project management, trail maintenance,

Thank You.

To all of our volunteers for their unwavering belief in SIRCH.



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Volunteer Week



equipment maintenance, landowner relations, fundraising, grant funding, research, events, property maintenance, marketing, IT, legal, accounting, budgeting, lake staking. Send us an email or register online at this link: <http://hcsa.ca/volunteer/>

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Contact: Call 705-457-1392 x 2927 or email volunteering@hhhs.ca

Volunteers wanted! There are many meaningful and important roles to be filled at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and Brigitte can't wait to hear from you. We are looking for volunteer drivers to help with short or long distance drives to medical appointments, hospice volunteers to share time with clients and provide respite to caregivers, Meals on Wheels delivery, adult day program volunteers who enjoy working with seniors, friendly visiting volunteers for telephone or in-person visiting, and long-term care volunteers for one-on-one visits, social activities, entertainment, technology help or gardening. Looking to give back to your community this spring? Get involved at HHHS!

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

Contact: Carol at 705-457-1580 or visit hhhs.ca/foundation

We are grateful for the time and talent of volunteers to assist at our various fundraising events.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

Contact: admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca, 705-457-0455, www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

As a volunteer, you can play a hands-on role in a wide range of Land Trust activities. The Land Trust relies on the support of volunteers to successfully manage our properties and plan events that raise the profile of the Land Trust, encourage donations and promote the importance of land conservation. Become a property monitor, join a committee such as fundraising, communications or education. You might enjoy volunteering at one of our events. Did you know that a recent grant involved 309 hours of volunteer work by 31 volunteers? Wow! HHLT celebrates and appreciates all of our wonderful volunteers!



Haliburton Highlands Land Trust volunteers Joan Duhaime, Kris Kadwell and Sheila Ziman install signage at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. /Photo submitted

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Contact: Ken Fielding at kenfield@bell.net

Mission: The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) helps maintain and enhance local fisheries. Its mission is to help residents and visitors to the Haliburton

Highlands enjoy angling and other outdoor activities while practicing good conservation.

Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked over 800,000 fish in local lakes. For more information on the HHOA visit www.hhoa.on.ca.

Volunteers: The HHOA is always looking for new volunteers to help at the hatchery and assist with the stocking of area lakes. In addition, we need people with the following skills to help us tell the hatchery's story and continue its valuable contribution to the outdoors community.

- Website design and/or development
- Fund-raising
- Grant writing
- Artists to help create posters and other

materials

- Social media
- Advertising and marketing
- And any other skills that you think can be helpful

Heat Bank Haliburton County

Contact: call or text 705-306-0565 or email heatbank@centralfoodnetwork.org

Heat Bank Haliburton County provides free and confidential support services to households that are struggling to keep the heat and/or hydro on in Haliburton County. We offer emergency grants, firewood, advocacy & information and referral services and more. We are an authorized intake agency for LEAP and OESP hydro credit applications as well as host yearly income tax clinics through CRA's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

Heat Bank is a program of the Central Food Network, a registered charity. Volunteers are a vital part of our program. It's kind-hearted folks that cut, split and deliver well over 55 pick-up truck loads of firewood across Haliburton County every year to households who find themselves in a pinch. Volunteers are also the driving force behind our income tax clinics, assisting households with tax filing in order to access critical benefits such as Canada Child Tax benefits and Guaranteed Income Supplements for seniors.

Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society

Contact: Call our office at 1-800-661-2843 ext. 1260

We are looking for volunteer drivers who can drive infant, children, and youth to family visits, camp, school, and various appointments. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage and parking expenses. Some drives are "one time" drives (such as an appointment) and some are "ongoing" (such as to school, or weekly visits), so there are varying needs for drivers. If you only have limited time available, you may still be able to help!

Lochlin United Church

Contact: Helen Burk @ 705-286-6087

Lochlin United Church is looking for new members who can give of their time to help support the church. We meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. We could use help with our fundraisers in the fall and general maintenance.

Minden Agricultural Society

Contact: Eric Casper at casper.3742@gmail.com

The MAS organizes the annual Haliburton County Fair as well as other fundraising events. We are looking for new board members to help make decisions and leading our community events that help promote agricultural awareness in our area.

Whether you are interested in helping or leading a section of our activities which include; horse shows, children's attractions, food and beverage, music and entertainment, concessions, farm animals, arts and crafts, logistics of running events, social media and more, we would love to have you be part of our organization of like-minded people that care about how food is grown and where it comes from.

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Volunteers with Minden Pride's Pridemobile set up in various locations throughout the county to share information, offer Pride swag and have a chat about resources and events in the community. /Photo submitted

Minden Cat Angels

Contact: Don at 705-457-6923 (no texts)
We are a registered charity providing shelter and eventual permanent homes for feral, stray, and abandoned cats in the Minden area. As the demand on us is growing we need some new volunteers to help with care and socialization of cats we are taking in, as well as with general maintenance of our shelter. Our cats have free access to three different areas, and we have just opened up new patio areas spacious enough for anyone that wants to come up and even just sit with some of the cats that need more attention. Our new areas are also being set up as "memorial areas," so

also looking for help from anyone that likes both cats and gardening to help plant and maintain our new "garden areas."

Minden Community Food Centre

Contact: Jean Munroe, manager at 705-286-6838, mindencommunityfoodcentre@gmail.com
The Minden Community Food Centre began operation in the late 1980's, providing nutritious food to the needy in the Minden community. Currently, the food centre has approximately 250 family members who benefit from the services of the centre. The

food centre located at 24 Newcastle Street in Minden operates with limited full-time staff and approximately 30 volunteers. The volunteer board of directors wishes to encourage additional volunteer help, particularly those with cooking experience who could assist the centre to re-establish the making of nutritious meals for clients.

Minden and District Horticultural Society

Contact: Sue Sisson, 705-286-2000
The objective of the Society is to encourage interest and improvement in horticulture in our district by promoting the protection of the environment, by encouraging the improvement of private and public grounds and by promoting the circulation of horticultural information. Membership fee is \$10.00.

Minden Health Care Auxiliary

Contact: Marie Lennard at lennards@interhop.net
Minden Auxiliary is looking for new members who can give of their time to help raise funds to support the Minden Hospital and Hyland Crest long-term care home. Meetings are every two months, and some things we do are raffles, tag day and operate our gift shop.

Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation

Contact: mindenhillscfndation@gmail.com
The MHCCF supports the whole Cultural Centre through organizing various events including fundraising. One hundred per cent of all funds raised are used to support improvements in the Cultural Centre including new acquisitions. Volunteers are needed to support event setup and operations. The Centre includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, holder of the prestigious *André Lapine* Collection, the Museum and Heritage Village, and Nature's Place. We are looking for people with a few hours a month that want to support a gem of Minden Hills' cultural community. Whether your interest is in the arts, the environment, or Minden Hills history, if you have a few hours to spare and want to interact with guests or just light setup activity, please join our efforts to showcase and improve the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Minden Legion

Contact: 705-286-4541
The Minden Legion is trying to recruit volunteers to help out with various projects/activities at the branch. If you have time, please sign up today. Bartenders, kitchen help and servers, dishwashers, and table bussers for weekend functions. High school students are

welcome in order for them to acquire their community service hours.

Minden Pride in the Haliburton Highlands

Contact: Email us at info@mindenpride.ca
Minden Pride hosts a number of events throughout the year, plus our amazing, annual Minden Pride Week (August 22-28, 2022). We have many opportunities for volunteers to get involved, socialize and share in the fun of celebrating inclusivity and diversity in Haliburton County. Interested in helping to organize events, set-up for events, take a shift with the Pridemobile, for example? Find us on social media and check out our website for opportunities to volunteer at upcoming events: www.mindenpride.ca

Minden Rotary

Contact: www.MindenRotary.ca
We are looking for fun-loving, community-minded people that would like to join us at weekly meetings, when they are available. Members help with the events we host throughout the year at the Canada Day barbecue, fall golf tournament, annual dinner/auction, annual online Christmas Auction, participate in the Santa Claus parade on the float, help on the road toll day and other special events. Members can get as involved as they want either by enjoying the socializing with other members or taking on a leadership role if that is what they are looking for. The funds we raise go back into community programs. Give Rotary a try and see if we are the right fit for you!

Minden Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders

Contact: Unit Guider (phone or text) 705-455-2100
We meet every Thursday at the Minden Guide and Scout Hall (Room 3, Minden Community Centre). We're an active, growing multi-branch unit (ages five -11) learning, playing games and having fun together throughout the school year. Guiders work together to support the girl members of our unit to reach their potential and be involved members of our community. There's so much to do and explore! We camp, we sing songs, we make things, we get outside to explore, we learn about science and technology, we share and lend a hand. There's lots of great experiences and exclusive training opportunities for our Guider volunteers too, for example, First Aid, camping and canoeing certifications, group activity planning and many other skills transferable to your life outside of Guiding.

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Places for People, Haliburton Highlands

Contact: info@placesforpeople.ca

Healthy, safe communities begin with you! Our team at Places for People creates and manages quality affordable rental housing in Haliburton County, fostering an environment in which our tenants can thrive. We house seven long-term tenant households in villages across the county and are venturing into multi-unit new-built developments. As a volunteer-driven organization, we are always looking for energetic people to join our team. Your time is important - make every minute count! Get to know us by participating in one of our two major fundraisers - the Highland Yard and Sleeping in Cars - or join one of our working committees - Property Development, Marketing and Fundraising, Finance - then consider joining our Board of Directors. Make a positive, long-term impact in the future of your neighbourhood. Meet us in person at the Home Show June 3, 4, 5 in Haliburton or visit www.placesforpeople.ca to learn more.

Razzamataz Kids' Shows!

Contact: Dawn Mole-Hurd at 705-854-0728

For over 30 years, Razzamataz Kids' Shows! has fostered in children an interest in the performing arts by providing access to high quality, affordable children's entertainment locally and by engaging children actively in the arts. Our artistic vision is to present culturally and artistically diverse artists from Canada and around the world that appeal to children and adults alike and we strive to showcase innovative art forms or innovative ways of presenting traditional art forms.

To bring performers to Haliburton, we are always seeking volunteers to help with any part of the following: managing finances, writing funding proposals and reports, researching and hiring artists, fundraising, organizing venues and artist accommodation, liaising with other presenters, community partners and schools, advertising in print, online and radio, distributing posters and brochures, and lending a hand during the performances.



Patti Weiss, Betty Mark and Minden Hills councillor Jean Neville, who sits on the Minden Hills events committee, work together to beautify the town during a seasonal decorating event. /Photo from the Minden Hills township archives

Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum

Contact: info@stanhopemuseum.on.ca

We are a happy, co-operative group of volunteers who operate the Stanhope Museum in the summer months on North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands. Some of us work as volunteer museum hosts - either occasionally or a three-hour shift per week. During the off season, we keep busy cataloguing donated artefacts, creating new exhibits, adding to our Heritage Map and Family Tree websites, scanning photographs, and transcribing archival records. We love to learn about our local history and share it with others. Our friends are foster parents to small citron gardens and our Marmaladies make award winning citron marmalade. If you would like to join us, we'd love to find a spot for you.

The Cats of Paint Lake

Contact: Heather Deveau, catsofpaintlake@gmail.com or 705-854-0827

The Cats of Paint Lake rescue is a community of awesome people, working together to care for rescued cats, and see to their needs - medical, social, and emotional. The whole team works to prepare feral and stray cats for a chance at a new life in a loving home. The rescue is based out of our clean, climate controlled and friendly facility in Dorset, Ontario.

There are many ways you can help:

- Rescue centre

- Cleaning and feeding
- Deep clean and special projects
- Cat companions to help socialize the cats
- Foster homes, short or long term
- Volunteer drivers - for supply runs, vet visits, and cat pickup and drop-offs
- Board and committee members
- Fundraising and events
- Social media co-ordinator
- Admin support

Anything else you'd like to offer! If you have ideas about how you might like to contribute, please get in touch!

The Township of Minden Hills

Contact: Elisha Weiss, eweiss@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1936 x.558

Volunteers needed:

- Assisting with special events held throughout the year within the township (Canada Day, Family Halloween Party, Santa Claus Parade)
- Leading or assisting with sports and recreation programs at the recreation centre
- Assisting with the museum collections, gardening, living history and special events at the Cultural Centre

Turtle Guardians

Contact: 705-854-2888 or email info@turtleguardians.ca

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Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

Contact: woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca/volunteer

At Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary at Duck Lake Rd in Minden Hills, we are seeking volunteers to help with the rehabilitation of sick, orphaned and injured wildlife. Minimum five hours per week required. No experience necessary. Must be over 16 years old.



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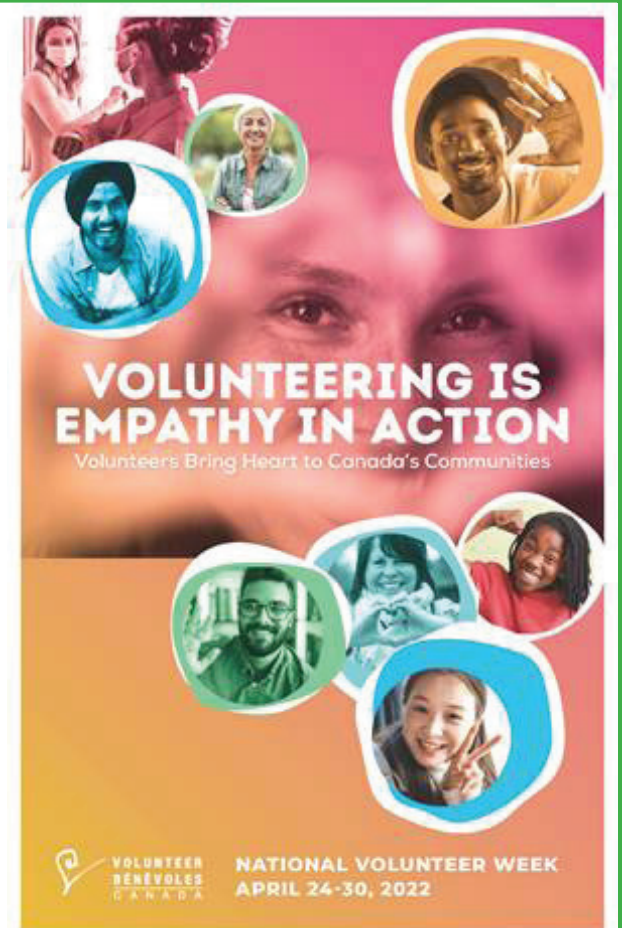
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Volunteers share the importance of giving back

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

When Marilynne Lesperance first moved to the area after retiring, she volunteered for about three-and-a-half years with the snack club, sourcing and providing snacks for elementary school students. She was on the Minden Hills township committee of adjustment for just over six years, was team leader for three years with victim services, and is on the clean and clear committee. But when most people hear her name, they immediately think of her steadfast work with the Minden Community Food Centre, where she volunteered at the food bank for almost nine years, ran the community kitchen, and was chair of the board for three years.

Lesperance retired from her volunteer work with the food centre last August, for the second time.

"I stepped down just before the pandemic, and they asked me to come back because of the pandemic," she laughs.

She said she believes "very strongly" in giving back.

"I try to live my life by the serenity prayer - change what you can, accept what you can't, and have the wisdom to know the difference. If I can make a difference, that's what I want to do. And if you can't, you have to recognize that. That's how I've always lived my life."

During her time at the food centre, Lesperance's work made a significant difference. When she started doing the buying there, she said at the end of the year, she was told she had saved the organization about \$17,000.

She developed relationships with large grocery stores out of the area, finding out who was unnecessarily discarding food and making arrangements to take quality food that would otherwise have been wasted, resulting in a free bread supply for more than four years, and a deal with Maple Leaf for pallets of meat.

One of the most satisfying roles she took on as a volunteer though, was working with Grade 8 kids, and then younger children, with a cooking program.

"To this day, people stop me on the street and say, 'you changed my child's life,'" said Lesperance. "One mother has stopped me and said, 'it's my daughter's job now to cook the dinner once a week, and it's because of what you introduced'. Another mother said to me, 'he has confidence now since he's been with you'."

Lesperance's volunteer efforts included springing into action during Minden's flooding, encouraging other volunteers to help feed hot lunches to people bagging sand, setting up tables to help those in need with supplies, and serving a hot meal to about 70 people affected by the flood, delivering to those who couldn't leave their sump pumps.

"It was very rewarding and people wanted to come, and they stayed - they did dishes, they washed floors, they were so enthused to do something for the community," said Lesperance.

Lesperance later wrote a disaster plan for the food bank to help lead others through emergency situations. Minden's food centre received the Leadership Award of Excellence from Food Ontario for their work during the flood.

Some people volunteer because they want to help, but also because they want something to do. She remembers two octogenarians who would come in every Monday and make sandwiches, really enjoying each other as they shared time together.

"They loved it," said Lesperance. "They were so happy to be somewhere other than home, and to make a difference."

She acknowledges that it can sometimes be difficult to find volunteers, but said once they're encouraged to see what it's all about, they quickly become a part of ongoing efforts.

"If you can get people interested for a day, they'll come back and continue to want to do it," said Lesperance. "If they can see that, when you hand out that food and somebody cries because they're so grateful, that really is something that says, I'm making a difference. If you can instill that in people, they'll keep coming."

Mickey Bonham was the recipient of the Minden Hills township Good Neighbour award in 2017, that award acknowledging an "unsung hero." Bonham's projects have included fundraising galas for the hospital auxiliary, volunteer work with the Terry Fox Run and besides being a strong voice for advocacy, offering her singing voice, too, as a member of the Shout Sisters group.

While she has volunteered on and off throughout her life, she said she really devoted a lot of her time to it since she



Longtime community volunteers Eric and Jaklin Casper bring their spirit to a Festival of Trees event. /Photo submitted



Volunteer Steve Upshaw and Minden Community Food Centre's Marilynne Lesperance share a laugh at the Minden Food Bank fundraising dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in 2016 at the Minden Community Kitchen, located on Newcastle Street in Minden. /FILE



Mickey Bonham, second from left, on the last day of Minden's mass vaccination clinic on March 24. More than 200 volunteers, including Bonham, helped give access to more than 15,300 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to eligible residents at the clinic. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

retired here in Minden about 20 years ago.

First, she started helping at the museum, and with Community Care. Then, she and Sue Reid started the local chapter of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign - the Haliburton Highlands Grannies - through the Stephen Lewis Foundation in 2006, to help grandmothers in Africa raise a generation of babies orphaned by the AIDS crisis in the 1990s. The local group raised more than \$80,000 to support community organizations in 15 sub-Saharan countries in Africa over a decade and at one point had almost 100 members.

"That kept us busy for 10 years," said Bonham.

Currently, she volunteers at the curling club, and with Haliburton Highlands Health Services as a visitor at Hyland Crest, and as a member of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary. She's often seen at community events giving a helping hand, as she did throughout her teaching career.

"There are many benefits to volunteering - meeting new people and learning new skills would be the top two for me," said Bonham. "I prefer volunteer jobs where I can interact with people - I love spending time at Hyland Crest, helping with the activities and listening to the residents tell stories from their past. And fundraising can be fun too when you have a worthwhile project and a good team working together - when you reach your goal, it's a great feeling!"

Eric Casper has volunteered his time with township committees including the Minden Hills events committee as well as the curling club, the Minden Agricultural Society, for the Haliburton County Folk Society - wherever he can help.

"If we all do a little bit of something, the world's such a better place," he said.

Casper said he likes doing things outside, and volunteering helps motivate him.

"If I didn't do this, I would probably just stay at home, all the time," he said. "I'm not an active social person so for me, it's my way of getting out into the community and just meet-

ing people and being part of the community."

Casper said regardless of the way in which people help, the end goal is the same.

"I think that's what the constant of being a volunteer is, it's the community," said Casper. "Because everything you do, benefits the community whether we're looking at the cultural centre or the arena or the events committee it's all for the betterment of the community. It brings so much joy to everybody and to be a part of that is good."

Casper said he hears often that Haliburton County is an area enriched by volunteers.

"Our community as a whole, I think we have a great volunteer base," he said, noting representatives from tourism agencies outside the county have recognized that. "They're just amazed at how involved - whether it's the businesses or the volunteer base we have - they are amazed at our community, the Haliburton Highlands in general. The strength of our community and how we're so involved, relative to other communities."

Casper and his partner and fellow active volunteer, Jaklin, were fortunate enough to balance their work and family life to have time for volunteering, but he said it's difficult for people now to have time for volunteering on top of the expectations of work, family, and the time it takes for extra-curricular activities, some that also require parent volunteers to operate. Sometimes, however, he said that lifestyle that feels too busy can be calmed with volunteer work.

"Everyone's life, when you look inward, is chaotic - I don't have time to go shopping and pick up the kids or whatever," he said. "Sometimes, it's not better to step away from your own things, but it takes you away from that actually, just being outside of what you think is chaotic, and just being part of something that hopefully is a structured environment within an organization and being able to focus on that one thing for a little bit. For me, anyway, it's important to step away from what I'm doing and just be able to focus on that - I enjoy it."

Music opportunity for youth with blues contest

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society is offering an opportunity for the next B.B. King or Janis Joplin to be discovered with an upcoming music contest.

Open to Highlands' youth 12 to 18-years-old, the Road to Kitchener Bluesfest Youth Camp Contest includes a prize package for two winners. The package includes an all-expense paid trip to the 2022 Grand River Blues Youth Camp in Kitchener; participation on a song track for an upcoming B&B Blues Band CD; a guest appearance on the Buckslide Blues Cruise show on Canoe FM, and other performance opportunities.

Patrick Monaghan, the founder of the registered not-for-profit corporation, the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society, said the idea for this contest came from how he wanted to emulate what other blues clubs do to send bands to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee.

The contest, which will be announced at an upcoming concert headlined by the B&B Blues Band on April 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, is about giving an opportunity for young music lovers to take their skills to the next level, he said.

"It'll certainly give them a big boost in confidence. It'll get their name out there. If they go far enough up the [professional music] ladder, they'll know whether they really want to do it or not. That's for sure," Monaghan said. "They'll get to meet people in the business, which I can tell you it's a made a huge difference in my life."

Monaghan said the success of his radio show, the Buckslide Blues Cruise Show, cor-

relates with the connections he has made, and how he has developed numerous relationships with professionals in the music industry. He was the recipient of the National Campus and Community Radio Association Award: Best Jazz or Blues Radio Show demonstrating his passion for the blues. He jokes how he can't carry a tune in bucket, but his engagement and ability to network has enabled him to be included in the industry he loves.

The youth camp contest rules state contestants must submit a video of less than five-minutes of an original or covered blues song performance for pre-judging to qualify for an invite to the May 25 opportunity to perform for a panel of five judges. Applicants, who will be judged on originality, stage presence, and musicality, can upload an audition tape to YouTube. Original music is encouraged, but covers are accepted, except there should be an attempt to make the rendition your own.

Send the YouTube audition link and application to highlandsbbs@gmail.com by May 18. If you're unable to download the video, make sure to send the application to be considered. Parental release is required for finalist entry to qualify for prizes and permission for any media coverage.

Monaghan said another thing the winners of the contest will gain is perspective.

"Aim them in the right direction of something they already love and [we're] trying to nurture that and give them some little networking [edge], meet a few people in the business," Monaghan said. "When they go to this camp there's 50 kids. So, they're surrounded by 50 people. They all have talent. So, it's like a good eye-opener for them."

The music camp in Kitchener has proven to enhance and encourage skill development.

Another Society effort

The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society will be launching The Music Revival Project, an opportunity to help long-term care patients affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementia with music. The project includes the provision of wireless noise cancellation headphones and a music player, which will be loaded with music compiled by families, long-term care staff

and Society members.

Other support for the Society's efforts has come from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, Canoe FM radio station and Mulligans Bar and Patio.

For more information about the Society see www.highlandsbuckslidebluesociety.com or contact president Patrick Monaghan at 705-306-0181 or marketing Rusty Rustenberg at 705-464-1719.



Step to summer work

Haliburton Home Hardware's front-end supervisor Karley Gazley, from left, assistant manager Nigel Milne and district general manager Glen Rickerby share a laugh with senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary students Bronson McCord and Myles Sharp, who were asking questions for summer employment with the local retailer during the Job Fair on Wednesday, April 20 at the area high school. The event was possible from the sponsorship by the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and Home Hardware's Rickerby. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Library's programming offers 'something for everybody'

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Andrea Brown said she aims to be a community builder, and she's off to a great start.

Brown joined the Haliburton County Public Library as programming and outreach co-ordinator in late October last year, and immediately set to work making connections in the community.

"I think through programming we can reach out to connect people, which is always important, but especially now that many people have been disconnected for the last two years," she said. "It's a way to bring people together to learn - whatever life stage they're at, whether they're little kids or teens or elderly people - the library through our programming can offer something for everybody. And we have the space and the expertise to support all of that learning."

Brown went to Trent University and found herself immersed in jobs working toward community development during the summer. While she moved west and joined the Vancouver Public Library, she said she's excited to be back home in Ontario getting the word out about community happenings, bringing people into the library in different ways, and collaborating with the community as much as possible.

Last Christmas, the HCPL worked with the Central Food Network to open the Cardiff branch on a normally closed day to help with their toy distribution drive. Through the EarlyON Child and Family Centre, the library offered outdoor space for programming during last winter's provincial lockdown, and also helps distribute early learning activity packs from EarlyON, with funding from United Way, to kids in the community.



Andrea Brown, who joined the Haliburton County Public Library as programming and outreach co-ordinator last October, is collaborating with community groups to bring events, activities and workshops to the library as it re-opens to in-person programming. /Photo submitted

"I try to reach out to lots of people," said Brown. "That's what the library is for, it's a community hub where people can come to learn and share, and we can leverage our space."

Besides distributing kits for kids, the library also distributes kits for teens, through a partnership with Point in Time. Those swag bags have information about different youth programs and services offered, as well as a notebook, chapstick, or juice boxes and gra-

nola bars. Brown said it's a generous offering from the Youth Hub, and works well at the library where teens sometimes visit on social outings.

Brown said more individuals and groups are taking advantage of the library as a hub.

In Cardiff, one library patron wants to facilitate a Cardiff crafters drop-in, and a book club.

"Cardiff is a really small community, the branch hours are limited, but this is a designated day and time once a month where folks from the area can come in and bring their knitting or their crocheting project or their sewing, and just connect with people who live in their community, chat and get to know each other as well," said Brown. "It's a chance for people to connect, really, interact and learn from each other about life experiences."

Another community partnership the HCPL has made is with the John Howard Society and Fleming Crew. Staff from there will be offering patrons in outlying branches where transportation can be a barrier information on academic upgrading and pre-employment skills and helping with literacy skills or help with proofreading a cover letter.

"It's bringing the services that are offered by those groups into the more rural areas," said Brown. "We're hoping it goes well, we're hoping we see people who come into the library that don't normally come in. The library has free wi-fi and public computers as well as free books and movies and things like that. Hopefully it will benefit the library by inviting patrons in who maybe don't use the library regularly already, but then it allows opportunities to meet in a safe, comfortable, public space, much closer to where people are maybe living."

Partnerships have also been formed and programming is taking place with groups including the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, the University of Guelph, the Turtle Guardians, Children's Water Festival and Green Burial Society, local artists and genealogist Adele Espina offering workshops, information sessions or kits and supplies for library patrons.

Brown said community members and groups are invited to come and hold public presentations about the knowledge or passion they have on a topic, everything from filing taxes, to using a compass.

"We really are trying to partner with all of the people throughout our communities," said Brown. "There's so much local knowledge and expertise that people have, we'd be happy for them to come to the library and share that with everyone. It could be anything - if you have an interest, something you know about and you're willing to share your time, we'd be happy to set that up."

"You certainly have been busy and it sounds like you've made some great partnerships already," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts to Brown at the last library board meeting. "A library is a community hub, we don't just operate all by ourselves, so I just love this collaborative effort and things you're doing."

"We just want to share information and resources," Brown told the *Times*. "The library is a place for everyone. Everyone's welcome, there's something here for everyone."

A "Planning Your First Garden" workshop will be held April 30 at 2 p.m. at the Dysart branch, and a Heritage Apple Project occurs on May 14 at 2 p.m. at the Minden Hills Branch.

Further information about upcoming programming is available at haliburtonlibrary.ca or through the HCPL social media channels. To get in touch with Brown, email programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca.



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Forms for corporate membership can be found on HHHS' website - hhhs.ca
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Minden Kin Club's truck pull a go

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

After a hugely successful ice racing event, the Minden Kin Club is ready to do it again – this time in warmer weather.

The club has announced Minden's annual truck pull and show and shine will be happening this year – the first time since prior to the pandemic – on June 25.

"We're all ready for a decent party, to be honest," laughed club president Andy Rickard. "Hopefully being earlier in the year it's a chance for everyone to get outside and enjoy themselves. There haven't been many events to go to lately."

While usually, an ATV mud bog is held alongside the popular truck pull and show and shine events, this year the club is planning on an ATV hole shot competition, a

radar run on the pull track with top speeds measured by radar at a set distance.

"The logistics of digging the mud pit just got expensive and difficult," said Rickard. "It's a lot of work trying to dig the pit, fill the pit in, re-sod it, having the grass grow back ... so you can dig it up again next year."

Rickard hopes that the unique hole shot event, offering a first, second and third prize, will attract new participants and also some of the same people who participated in the mud bog, as well, with their modified machines.

"It would be neat to see them," he said. "They'd obviously be very fast at this event, which would be exciting."

A food booth, other food vendors, and beer tent will be on offer, with the Minden Legion taking on the operation of the beer tent while the Kin Club manages the new ATV event, a collaboration that Rickard appreciates.

"Really at the end of the day, a service

club is a service club," said Rickard. "It doesn't really matter which one is making the profit, it's all going back to the community anyway."

Rickard said this year, the Kin Club is honouring past sponsors, enabling businesses that have donated or supported the event over the years to maintain their sponsorship, and make a donation if possible.

"Some businesses have been quite busy through the pandemic, and some have been not," said Rickard. "So the ones that are having a harder go of it, we'll maintain their position and give them the advertising this year, hoping to help them back up. Some of the businesses have been quite busy, we're hoping they'll be able to help us out."

The initial response to the event's return has been enthusiastic.

"It's a big event, there's a lot of people involved in that, from our corporate sponsors

that sponsor the prize money, to the volunteers that put on the event, and all the participants and spectators," said Rickard.

The Minden Kin Club held the 32nd truck pull and show and shine in 2019 and raised around \$14,000 for community needs.

"We're a pretty simple club, we run two events," said Rickard. "Once we get the ice racing finished, we plan the truck pull, and once we get the truck pull finished, we plan the ice racing."

Registration starts at 8 a.m., and the ATV hole shot competition starts at 9 a.m. The truck pull begins at noon. Admission is \$15 at the gates, \$5 for those aged 12 to 16 or free for kids under 12. Camping will be available at \$25 a night.

For more information, visit the Minden Kin Club at mindenkin.club or on Facebook.

Minden Agricultural Society plans the return of the fair

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

As summer nears, the Minden Fairgrounds will once again be filled with music, animals and people celebrating and promoting agriculture.

A Haliburton County Fair Event – a sort of micro-fair – will be held on June 11, the second Saturday of June. A Minden horse pull and live country music show, sponsored by the Minden Agricultural Society have been announced, with more activities and events planned by the day.

"It's not going to be the full fair, but just so people have something to go to and watch," said Eric Casper, a director with the agricultural society. "It should be a nice day, and hopefully we'll have good weather for it."

The event includes live music by Stockdale Central, Ian Brohm and a special performance by Linda Robertson and Wendy Connelly, Country Bluegrass Band and Davis and Grant. A horse pull takes place in the afternoon.

Rather than a ticketed price this year, admission will be by donation at the gate.

Casper said the micro-fair is a "little go-between," before a bigger event next year,

when the agricultural society has more time to plan the full event. Generally, in non-pandemic times, the group starts planning for the next fair directly after the fair they've held.

The first show is planned for 11 a.m. and the horse pull starts at 2:30 p.m.

For more information visit haliburtoncountyfair.ca.

Agricultural Society looks to future

On April 30, at 1 p.m., the Minden Agricultural Society will meet for an annual general meeting at the Minden United Church. At that meeting, Casper said, the group will talk about the future of the society, which needs more board members and associate board members who care about agriculture.

"I think the important part is, because it's the agricultural society that hosts the fair, you have to have some passion or want to promote agricultural ideas to the community," said Casper. "That's the whole purpose of the fair, to have the young people getting to see the horses or other farm animals, or different aspects of a farm, the exhibit building where you can see fruit and vegetables, the fruits of labour of growing your own food."

Casper said the volunteer work required through the agricultural society can be varied, and so any skill that someone can bring to the table is welcome, and through volunteer work, he said skills will be gained.

"When I started, when I was younger, through all of your experiences, you gain something from that, so if you were looking to gain something in your life, a skill or just wanted to keep yourself busy, it's a great opportunity for that," he said. "Whether it's music, or children's exhibits or running the animal portion, or food and drinks - there are all kinds of options, all kinds of avenues that

you can imagine for an event."

All are welcome. Members must be 18 or older, but those younger can still volunteer or help organize a section of the fair or event without being a member. The group usually meets once a month.

"We need people to either join us this year, or say, 'I'll join you in the upcoming year,' and be prepared to organize and help with 2023 events," said Casper.

For more information, contact Eric Casper at casper.3742@gmail.com.

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Haliburton Real Easy Ryders welcomes new members

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Get rolling with the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders (HRER) this cycling season to meet new people who share a love and interest for riding.

The recreational group of cyclists are encouraging new members to join them on tours of various lengths throughout the week around the Highlands and outside the area this season.

President Robin Bell said the club provides new and experienced cyclists over 18 an opportunity for an opportunity for social interaction and physical benefits.

“So, we’re looking for people who like to cycle. We’re very happy to let people [join] on electric bikes ... you don’t have to have any great experience, but you do need a bike and you do need to know how to ride it and you have to a helmet, have a bell or horn,” he said.

Many rides include a social opportunity after the ride, with food or drinks at various local eateries, and can be as short as 10 kilometres or as long as 60 kilometres. One of the featured rides is the ride through Algonquin Park and a two night/three day autumn trip in the Ottawa Valley.

Rides are held Sundays, Tuesdays or Friday morning, starting in May until the end



Real Easy Ryders stop for drinks at Kate's Burger Counter in Ingoldsby during a ride last year. The club welcomes new members for social and recreation opportunities. /Submitted by Robin Bell

of October.

From a press release, the club held its first ride in 1997 when a group of eight friends came together for a ride. By the next year, the group of eight grew to 30 cyclists and the Highlands Cycling Club started. In 2005, the club grew to more than 100 members. It was at that time, that the club incorporated as a non-profit organization and took the name “Haliburton Real Easy Ryders.”

The objective of the club is to “promote recreational cycling in a non-competitive, inclusive, friendly and social atmosphere. All

levels of road cyclists and bikes (road, touring, hybrid, gravel, recumbent, and electric) are always welcome.”

There are 76 scheduled rides this season.

Membership is \$40 and helps to cover insurance and with covering expenses related to the club’s organized social events.

The club has a private Facebook page for members. It offers information about the club, upcoming rides, and maps for solo efforts outside of the scheduled rides. Three people are allowed during the season to ride as guests of a member for two rides during the season.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary, the club will hold a “Let’s Get Rolling Social” at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall, located at 1123 North Short Road in Algonquin Highlands. Coffee and treats will be offered, with a presentation highlighting some of the fun rides, trips and socials planned. All interested cyclists are invited to join this fun afternoon and learn more about cycling in Haliburton County. For more information visit the club’s website at www.haliburtonrealeasyryders.com.

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The sun was shining for a Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) 2022 Sunday Ramble on April 24, exploring Ritchie Falls and beaver wetlands. The next Ramble sets off south from the far end of Ritchie Falls Road, by the falls, at 11 a.m. exploring beaver floods, old forests and a pioneer farm. Haliburton County Rail Trail is 34 km long - Sunday Rambles explore different stretches each week. Free or by donation. Find Friends of the Rail Trail Haliburton on Facebook. Call or text Pamela Marsales at 705 457-4767 for more info. /Photo by Pamela Marsales

UPCOMING Community Events

Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society
2022 Virtual Annual General Meeting
When: Wednesday, April 27
Public presentation by Elizabeth Fournier, author of *The Green Burial Guidebook: Everything You Need to Plan an Affordable, Environmentally-Friendly Burial*. The public presentation, entitled “Why Green Burial? Your Ecological Legacy After Death” will start at 7:30 p.m. and be followed by an open question and answer period. The AGM portion to follow at 8:40 p.m. Registration is required for this zoom presentation. Visit www.haliburtongreenburial.ca. For more info contact Terry Moore, President, Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society, 705-306-9254, hgreenburialsociety@gmail.com.

Haliburton County Historical Society
When: Thursday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m.,
Where: Haliburton Museum
Please join us and learn the facts and expectations of a volunteer fireman with our guest speaker Dan Chumbley. Light refreshments will be served.

Haliburton Real Easy “Ryders” cycling club “Let’s Get Rolling Social”
When: Sunday, May 1
Where: Stanhope Firefighters Hall at 1 p.m.
There will be coffee and goodies along with a presentation highlighting some of the fun rides, trips and socials planned. We welcome all levels of cyclists to come and join us. Whether you ride a road bike, mountain bike, touring bike, hybrid bike, recumbent bike or an electric bike, we encourage you to come join us. For more information visit our website at www.haliburtonrealeasyryders.com.

503 Street Sale Event
When: Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Downtown Gooderham
Set up your table anywhere in the centre of town. All spaces are free.
Rain Date: Sunday May 22.
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Huskies season ends in heartbreak

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

The inaugural season for the Haliburton County Huskies ended in heartbreak Wednesday night, April 20 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The 4-3 overtime loss to the visiting Cobourg Cougars in game three of the East division finals, means that unfortunately the playoff run has come to an end. As a result of the loss, the Cougars won the best-of-three playoff series, 2-1.

Another packed house played witness to another classic, but the Cougars got on the board first. Jacob Gilbert beat Christian Cicigoi on a great shot, but the Huskies responded 20 seconds later. Patrick Saini picked up another goal in the Ontario Junior Hockey League playoffs, burying a perfect feed from Christian Stevens.

Only one goal was scored in the second, coming from the Huskies very own Payton Schaly. Schaly gave the Huskies their first lead of the night, and in the third the Huskies managed to get another first. Sam Solarino who scored the overtime winner in game two, scored the Huskies first ever penalty shot goal.

Solarino deked out Justin Easter and sent the Huskies faithful into a frenzy. However, the Cougars weren't going to go away without a fight. Caleb Thompson and Mitch Palandra each scored to tie the game to send it to overtime. Despite the Huskies dominating the match offensively, a bad turnover led to a chance from Andy Reist who made no mistake, ending the game and the Huskies' season. The golden goal for the Cougars.

The Huskies were devastated following the tough loss, but still managed to relish in a successful debut year. Winning their first ever playoff series against Trenton and finishing the regular season with a record of 33-16-1-4, which was good enough for third in the division.

Haliburton County rallied around the team like never before. Giving each and every player a celebrity feel, the players on the team loved their time in Haliburton County and appreciated the great coaching staff.

"The first season has gone exceptionally well," said Huskies president and owner Paul Wilson. "I'm so proud of everyone on this team and how they played this year. I'm very excited for bigger and better things to come next season."

For Huskies leading goal scorer Oliver Tarr, the season was a sum of its parts. Everyone worked hard together to achieve this result and for the Uxbridge native. This season was one of his best and he earned himself a NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division 1 scholarship for Canisius College in New York. Tarr is the first Huskies' player to achieve a D1 offer.

"I think it was an unbelievable year," said Tarr. "One of the biggest things is we really put the county on the map. It's a really good program and gives the players a lot of success. The community really embraced the team and I don't think we could've asked for a better spot to play. We really surprised a lot of people this year, and that's pretty hard to do when moving to a new town. We dominated a lot of games and I'm really happy with how we played as a team."

Everyone on the team worked like a well-oiled machine to create this amazing result for both the team and the county. A lot of players became fan favourites, and one of those players was goalie Cicigoi. Coming in and delivering a shutout in his first ever game with the team, the Thunder Bay native was beaming to be able to have the opportunity to play for the team.



Noah Van Vliet of the Haliburton County Huskies tries to keep the puck from AJ Cook of the Cobourg Cougars at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 20 in Minden. /Spencer Smye, OJHL Images

"When I first got here I didn't know what to expect," said Cicigoi. "The team welcomed me in with open arms, and just building off that chemistry to get a huge win in my first game was amazing. Seeing the crowd reactions was amazing. In [the] playoffs we showed that we have the best fans and, all in all, I think Haliburton [Highlands] is an amazing place to play. Everyone here is awesome."

Nathan Porter led the way this season as the first ever team captain, and, despite having his best season of his career, the captain will be graduating as an overage player this off season. Capping off his season with a great group, Porter doesn't plan on quitting hockey anytime soon but does feel he is ready for some downtime with his family.

"It was a dream come true," Porter said. "It's tough when you're playing against teams that have decades of history. It means a lot to do so well. Especially that it's a lot of our last years in the OJHL, everything came together and it's almost surreal. I had so much fun and I think all the guys that come after us will do even better. To sum it up in one word: amazing!"

As the Huskies move into the off season, a new batch of players will join the squad to replace the departing and overage players. Schaly, Cicigoi, Tarr, Porter and Simon Rose will all be departing the team at season's end, with Tarr, Rose and Schaly having announced their commitments.

Judging by the success in the first year, it seems that the Huskies will be a mainstay for many years to come.



Oliver Tarr of the Haliburton County Huskies rushes the puck at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 20 in Minden. /Spencer Smye, OJHL Images



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Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

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IRONDALE NEWS

Fish N Fowl dinner cancelled, but more to come

We regret to inform you that our Fish N Fowl Dinner scheduled for May 7 has been cancelled. With COVID numbers rising again, we feel we cannot take chances of any of our supporters getting sick as a result of our event.
We are working on: an outdoor event for the weekend of June 11 and 12 on our historical church property in Irondale. Spring Fling will offer outdoor vendors, barbecue, displays – and the chance to reacquire with each other.
The first of the summer's church services will be held on June 12 at 10 a.m. If church isn't your 'thing,' drop by at 11 for coffee and fellowship.
Our popular Irondale Inspirations takes place Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20. Various local artisans will showcase their creations while we share our beautiful heritage building's story with you.
A Saturday in September will find us out-

doors once again – Family Harvest Festival offering you another opportunity to wander and purchase from a variety of vendors. Maybe pick up an early Christmas gift or two?
November 5 to November 13 - the property at 1019 Elm Rd will be flying flags - each dedicated to an individual that served our country at sometime and are tied to the Irondale area in some way. Service, courage and sacrifice has no admission fee. Plan to drop by and browse among the flags and displays - help us remember and thank these folks.
These are a few of the events we have been working on - finding ways to keep everyone safe is important to us.
For more information, visit irondaleontario.ca.

Submitted by Carol Simmons
Bark Lake Cultural Developments



For the chorus frog

Local field naturalist Ed Poropat, far right, speaks to people about the chorus frog during an event on Thursday, April 21 at the fish hatchery in Haliburton. Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, the informative event to raise awareness of the frog and its challenge for survival was made possible in part by funding from the Environment Canada and Climate Change, Habitat Stewardship Program. /Submitted by Shelley Hunt

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Enjoying fresh air and newness of life at Hyland Crest

“April, dressed in all its trim, hath put a spirit of youth in everything,” William Shakespeare

This timeless quote from Shakespeare speaks to our longing and excitement for the fresh air and newness of life. As we begin our eagerly anticipated stroll into spring, we have marked this month and the joy of Easter, through a selection of special programming.

There was no better way to begin the month then by laughing and our April Fool’s prank videos certainly did the trick!

Handmade clay painted eggs, bunny “wine glass” cuties, yummy coconut cream eggs and an Easter egg hunt - were just a short list of programs that helped to build a holiday foundation.

A new program that we have been very excited to share with the residents went live this month. It is known as “Look, Talk, Make.” This program came about through a collaboration between the amazing individuals of the Rails End Gallery and the Creative Cocoon. Within this program our residents took in the creativity of a variety of paintings from local artists. Trained staff then led the group in an inspirational journey where they were given the opportunity to create their own artistic expression. All our residents have benefitted

from artistic expression. Whether they chose to only observe and discuss the paintings or carried on to create their own, this program has surely been a hit!

This month we have once again been pleased to have the musical talents of Gord Kidd and Simply Befuddled. Our pet visitors Kane and Jake gave us ear to ear smiles as we hugged and played with our special dog friends.

Devotional readings and a special church service helped to celebrate the Easter weekend well for those who have enjoyed attending services over the years.

We’ve ended our month getting our hands dirty in our seeding/potting program. This one is always a favourite as the residents love to watch their hard work grow from seedlings to little plants that soon enough, will enjoy a new home in our outdoor gardens.

We have certainly enjoyed the sunny days, so may the good Lord keep them coming, we are ready for it!

Happy spring to you and yours,

Lindsay Lester
Life Enrichment Program Manager
Haliburton Highlands Health Services



Enjoying the sunshine: Lilian Harrison, Carolyn Welsh, Bea Barry and Jean Kernohan enjoyed sunshine earlier this month (out of shot is Louise Burakowski and Frieda Williamson).



Bridgette Maslowski gets a cuddle in with Kane Burton Porter during a pet visit this month at Hyland Crest.




Diane Pratt shares her Easter-themed craft creation.



Lorna Hicks with her Easter craft, a work in progress.



Shirley McGee and Jake Porter are all smiles during a pet visit at Hyland Crest.



HALIBURTON COUNTY LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT An electronic Public Meeting will be held **May 9th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.** to consider the following applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this Public Meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

File No.	Applicant	Location	Legal Description	Municipality	Consent Type
H-022-24/21	Smart	Nels Trail	Conc 8, Pt Lots 8 & 9, Dudley	Dysart	3 New Lots
H-010/22	May	2504 Blairhampton Rd	Conc 8, Lots 24 & 25, Minden	Minden Hills	Lot Addition
H-012/22	Silverton	1339 McComb Point Dr	Conc 12, Lot 19, Sherbourne	Algonquin Highlands	Lot Addition
H-016/22	Monaco and Legacy	1014 Toffee Ln	Conc A, Lot 12, Sherbourne	Algonquin Highlands	Lot Addition
H-017/22	Mancuso	1329 Duck Lake Rd and 1020 Quailrun Ln	Conc 6, Lot 14, Minden	Minden Hills	Lot Addition
H-021/22	Shaw	2310 Tom Bolton Rd	Conc 3, Lot 4, Dysart	Dysart	New Lot
H-023/22	Cook	1561 Buckskin Lake Rd	Conc 7, Lot 32, Monmouth	Highlands East	Easement

The media and the general public can view the Land Division Committee' Public Meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel which can be found on the County's website by searching the land division committee (https://youtu.be/Xm_M_nXAt9Y). The Public can register to speak at the Public Meeting via electronic participation. Please email the Director of Planning via ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than Friday, May 6, 2022 if you wish to speak at the Public meeting.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect to the proposed consents does not make submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Additional information regarding the above applications is available for public inspection electronically by request during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills on April 21, 2022.

Michele Moore, Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



Easter dinner despite the storm

On Easter weekend, Hydro One crews restored power to more than 277,000 customers including 6,538 customers in Minden and surrounding area on Good Friday following back-to-back storms in Ontario. The power outage prompted many residents, who were cooking an Easter meal, to get creative about finishing the turkey and vegetables, although for many the power was restored quickly. "Dinner doesn't look too bad considering we lost hydro at 5:00," said Linda Schrader. "Had to show our imagination to cook vegetables. Good having a trailer and barbecue close by. All's ended well. Fun family time. Love it."The April 15 windstorm caused 57 broken poles, 27 broken crossarms, as well as downed power lines and fallen trees on lines, according to Hydro One. /Photos submitted by Marita Bagshaw-Schrader

Earth Day efforts

Alicia shared a photo of herself with a bag full of litter from the side of the road near her home in Kinmount to remind others to not litter. /Photo submitted by Alicia Gottschalk



Alicia, Raelyn and Tracy Gottschalk went for a short walk on Earth Day and collected a bag full of litter from the side of the road near their home in Kinmount in that time. Here, Alicia and Rae work together. /Photo submitted by Tracy Gottschalk



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Court challengers
The junior Red Hawks badminton team of head coach Jason Morissette, from left, at back, Avery Degeer, Ethan Dobson, Aiden Perrott, Cooper Coles, Colby Coumbs, Taylor Consack, Magnum Moshenko, and Valerie Zagorsky, from left at front, Sofie Mills and Kara Chumbley at the Kawartha Championship tournament held at the Campbellford District High School on April 24 in Campbellford. The boys doubles team of Perrott and Coles advanced to the COSSA championship this week by earning first place. /Submitted by Jason Morissette



DO try this at home!
At a March 10 meeting of the Minden Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders, outdoor science was explored with a snow volcano (using baking soda and vinegar) project. /Photo submitted by Carol Mowat, Unit Guider



Caring couple
In a "100 Days of Wonderfilling Challenge," Marci Mandel said that after picking up garbage on the side of the road for an hour with Alan Clark on April 22, she came across some of the first coltsfoot of the season. "It was like a thank you and a reminder why we were doing it," she said. "Caring for nature is another way of caring for ourselves."/Photo by Marci Mandel

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In Loving Memory of
Pearl Kernohan (nee Cruikshanks)
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It is with profound sadness that our family announces Pearl's passing on April 20, 2022 at her home in Minden at the age of 90 years. We are so blessed knowing Mom left this world exactly the way she wanted. She went quietly in her sleep after celebrating an Easter weekend with her family. We shared lots of laughter, good food and as usual Mom won most of the card games played.

She leaves her beloved husband Ivan of 72 years. Loving mother to Kathy, Glenda (Jack Grosvenor), Gerald (Kim) and proud grandmother of Ashley (David Ashworth) and Shaun. Survived by sisters Carol Bradimore, Gladys (Chris Norris) and brother Sherman (Betty Ann) Cruikshanks and many nieces and nephews.


Pearl was born and raised in the Haliburton Highlands. Shortly after Ivan and Pearl married, they began travelling across Southern Ontario from Windsor to Cornwall wherever Ontario Hydro took them. In 1961 they made Burlington their permanent home. Mom and Dad immediately joined St. Stephen United Church and remained active members until its recent closure. She was a member of Highland Hills United Church in Minden. After Dad's retirement in 1988, Mom and Dad enjoyed many trips and cruises to England, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, all across Canada and many US States. Most memorable were the family road trips to Branson Missouri, "down East", numerous trips to Florida and Killarney Lodge, Algonquin.

Stretching to reach four feet, ten inches and 100 pounds, Mom lived life like a heavy weight. Her work ethic, loyalty to family and friends and determination to be involved and supportive in every possible way was who she was. She trusted in her faith and her family.


We will forever cherish Mom's resilience to overcome her own health issues throughout the years, while always being strong in her caring of others. Her Christmas baking, family meals and nuts and bolts remain legendary.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday, April 25, 2022 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Then to the Highland Hills United Church, Minden for the service to celebrate Pearl's life on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 11:00 am. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow back at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home.

Memorial Donations to the Highland Hills United Church, Minden or to the Haliburton Highland Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of
Ward, Joan Marylin (nee Douglas)
died peacefully on March 30th, 2022 at Andy's House Hospice in Port Carling Ontario.

She was born on November 14th, 1938 in St. Mary's ON where she attended elementary and high school. Her parents owned a garage there and later, a trailer park in Grand Bend called Wondergrove. In her early teens Joan, with her mother's blessing, fibbed about her age and moved away to be a waitress at Milford Bay Manor in Muskoka. She had chutzpah and she loved an adventure – just like her mom.

Joan graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto with a diploma in Interior Design and was one of only three women in Canada at the time to become a member of the National Society of Interior Designers. While attending Ryerson she caught the eye of a promising footballer and part-time caterer, Arthur Ward, who was enrolled in the hospitality program.

Whilst working together at Cleveland's House, Muskoka in the summer of 1958 they became 'smitten' - with each other as well as the resort lifestyle. They married soon after graduating in 1960 and began working various assignments in Hamilton and Brockville. Joan's acumen for style and design fit nicely with hospitality and in 1967 they soon settled in as Innkeepers of the Wigamog Inn in beautiful Haliburton. This was the canvas to which Joan applied her creative talents for 27 years and raised her three 'wild ferrets' Kimberley, Lisa and Christopher. These were the 70s and 80s and 'Joannie' embodied everything social and colourful about these times. She was a fiercely independent woman and respected for her keen sense of fashion and her acerbic tongue. When trying to make a point she would often say - "I like to call a spade a f#%&\$# shovel when I see one".

After retiring, Joan purchased Country Rose Garden Center from dear friend (and previous head waitress of Wigamog) - Brenda Ripley. It still flourishes today. She also opened Antiques and Neat Stuff beside "The Rose" and toiled about in her little piece of paradise there until 2017 – talking the ear off complete strangers and entertaining them with her incredible ability to find that 6 or seven degrees of separation where she inevitably knew something about someone in your family.

Joan was a huge fan of the arts, of antique stores, of counting cards at her epic bridge nights, telling jokes and being a confidant to countless staff and friends over the years. She was known as "The Dragon Lady". We are not sure why but it likely had something to do with industrial chain-smoking combined with tired exasperation when she let people know where they stood after crossing her. She was someone who rarely knew where her kids were but always knew that they were safe ... ish.

Joan is predeceased by her husband Art (Dec '21) and her brothers Gary and Bob Douglas. She is survived by daughters Kimberley and Lisa, son Christopher and 10 grandchildren. As per Joan's wishes, there will be no service. Cremation took place in Toronto with her final resting place at the Ingoldsby United Cemetery near her beloved town of Haliburton beside husband Art, mother Mayme and father Murray. If you listen closely ... you will likely still hear them arguing. Dragons are like that.

Charitable donations can be made to your local cancer agency as her second hand smoke has affected many. Her humour will be missed, her style sense will forever be remembered and her poker pot remains hidden. Thank you for everything mom, we love and miss you dearly – despite the times you docked our pay for taking lunch breaks when we worked through. Set 'em straight up there and say hello to Caesar for us.

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Hatchery opening lures hundreds

by Jerry Grozelle

The attendance at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery open house was much higher than any of the organizers had anticipated.

"It was phenomenal," said HHOA President Pat Kennedy. "I think there were over 300 people there."

Curiosity was not the only draw. Kennedy said that more than 100 membership applications were picked up by people interested in the Association.

"We're excited about the interest the community has and

the positive response to the hatchery project," Kennedy said.

Several people also expressed an interest in volunteer work at the hatchery.

The hatchery's first crop of rainbow and lake trout has been stocked in numerous Haliburton County water bodies as well as some as far afield as South Lake, between Huntsville and North Bay. More than 30,000 fish have been raised at the hatchery. Over the next couple of weeks some renovations and improvements will be made to the
(more on page 2)



Victoria/Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson and Minister of Natural Resources John Snobelen released 400 rainbow trout fingerlings into the Drag River east of Haliburton Friday. The minister was here to tour the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery.



Grade three student Michael Toye jumps for joy at the thought of helping someone. Archie Stouffer Elementary School hosted a Jump Rope for Heart last Thursday, for students in Grades three to eight. Students gathered pledges and then jumped rope for two hours. The money raised goes to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Performing Arts Centre in the limelight

'The show must go on', is a popular phrase from the world of theatre. The show will go on is a new phrase that will be used in Haliburton County as the Performing Arts Centre has been given the limelight to go ahead.

The Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society decided to move forward with the construction of the new performing arts centre, as a part of the current renovations to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. It is anticipated that construction will begin in the fall and should be complete by the

spring of 1999.

The committee has undergone an extensive fund-raising campaign in the hope of raising adequate funds to pay for a theatre facility. As the high school was already scheduled to undergo renovations that included the construction of a new triple gymnasium, the old gym was available for conversion to a performing arts space, if the group could raise \$200,000.

It was decided that the best way to raise the required funds would be to "sell" seats for donations of \$750 and

\$5,000. To date 174 seats have been purchased, and, with additional donations, the group is prepared to move the construction project to centre stage.

"This is a real start," said Director Caryl Moulton. "This won't build us the ultimate theatre, but it will build a theatre we can build on."

The Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society is made up of five directors. Linda Beachli, Gary Brohman, David Gray, Caryl Moulton and Susan Wilson along with invaluable volunteers such as David Bishop, and Profes-

sor David Pequegnat have brought the project to fruition.

Now, all that remains is to choose a name for the facility. The society has created a *Help to Raise the Curtain, Name the New Theatre* contest.

The winner will have a seat named in his or her honour, with an engraved plaque on the back of the seat recognizing his or her contribution. The contest will run until September, when construction is slated to begin. (For an artist's concept of the new theatre see drawings on page 25.)



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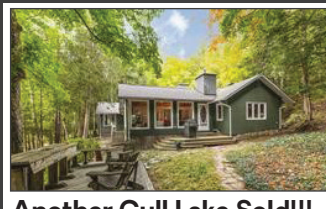
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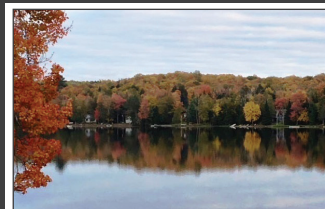
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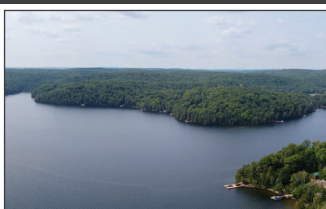
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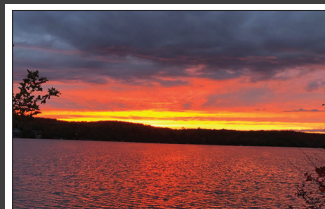
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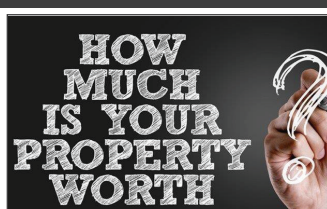
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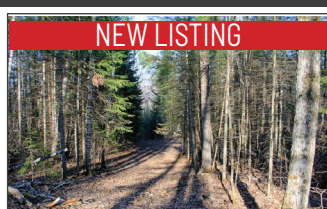
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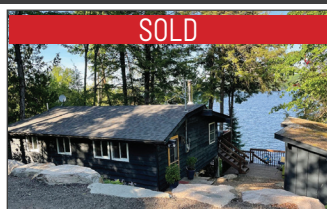
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